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13. ABSTRACT <p>Dimethylchlorotin carboxylates, <math>(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ClSnOOCR}</math>; R = <math>\text{CH}_3</math>, <math>\text{CF}_3</math>, <math>\text{C}_2\text{F}_5</math>, <math>\text{C}_3\text{F}_7</math>, <math>\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}</math>, <math>\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}</math>, <math>\text{CHCl}_2</math>, <math>\text{CCl}_3</math>, <math>\text{CH}_2\text{Br}</math>, <math>\text{CH}_2\text{I}</math>, are prepared by heating trimethyltin chloride with an excess of the appropriate acid at <math>100^\circ</math>. These compounds have been studied by <math>^1\text{H}</math> and <math>^{19}\text{F}</math> nmr, infrared, and Mossbauer spectroscopy. Based on this spectral data, in the solid state or in methylene chloride or chloroform, penta-coordinate tin is present. The solids are polymeric with bridging carboxylate units. In solution, the non-fluorinated carboxylate-containing compounds are very likely chelate monomers, while the remaining compounds retain polymeric character.</p>		
<p>Mixed phosphorus chloride fluorides undergo ready reaction with sodium azide to provide an excellent route to new azide-containing compounds, including <math>\text{F}_2\text{PN}_3</math>, <math>\text{F}_2\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{N}_3)_2</math>, and <math>\text{F}\text{P}(\text{S})(\text{N}_3)_2</math>. In addition, the previously reported <math>\text{F}_2\text{P}(\text{S}^\bullet)\text{N}_3</math> is easily prepared by this method. <math>\text{F}_2\text{PN}_3</math> has particularly limited stability.</p>		
<p>Hexafluoroisopropylideniminolithium reacts with disulfur dichloride to give bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)disulfide which undergoes two different types of reactions with chlorine to yield bis(2-chlorohexafluoroisopropylimino)sulfur(IV) and chloro(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II). The latter gives new sulfur(II) compounds with reactants that contain active hydrogen or with silver salts. <math>(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NSCl}</math> is readily converted to <math>(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CF}=\text{NSF}_2</math> by fluorinating agents.</p>		

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chlorodifluoramine difluorodiazine bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide dimethylchlorotin carboxylates trimethyltin chloride fluorophosphorus azides hexafluoroisopropylideniminolithium bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino) disulfide bis(2-chlorohexafluoroisopropylimino)sulfur(IV) chloro(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II) through-space coupling in $^{19}\text{F}$ nmr sulfur diimide rearranged derivatives of sulfur tetrafluoride trifluoromethylsulfur trifluoride and bis- (trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride insertion of sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide difluoroaminocarbonyl pseudohalides tetrafluorourea chlorocarbonyl fluorosulfate						

### 13. Abstract Continued

Long range spin-spin coupling of fluorine on terminal  $\text{CF}_3$  groups separated by ten bonds is observed in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr of the new sulfur diimide  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN-S=NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N=C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ .

Isolation of six extensively rearranged products (I-VI) from reactions of sulfur tetrafluoride with hexafluoroisopropylideniminolithium demonstrates that simple, metathetical reactions do not occur. A possible mechanism is proposed. Similar rearranged products (VII-IX) form from the lithium salt with  $\text{CF}_3\text{SF}_3$  and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SF}_2$ . Long range coupling of nuclei separated by 10  $\sigma$  bonds is observed in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum of (III).

$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NS(O)OLi}$  and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NC(O)OLi}$  which result from insertion reactions of  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  with  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NLi}$ , react with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  and  $\text{COCl}_2$ , respectively, to prepare the heretofore unisolable intermediates,  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C(Cl)NSO}$  and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C(Cl)NCO}$ .

Improved yields of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  are obtained by short term (4-6 hr) photolysis of  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$  with oxalyl chloride. Reactions of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  with  $\text{AgCN}$ ,  $\text{AgNCS}$ ,  $\text{AgNCO}$ ,  $\text{Hg}(\text{SCF}_3)_2$  and  $\text{Hg}(\text{ON}(\text{CF}_3)_2)_2$  give the new difluoroaminocarbonyl pseudohalides:  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)CN}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCO}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)SCF}_3$ , and  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)ON}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ . With excess of either  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  at  $0^\circ$  or  $\text{HgO}$  at  $-78^\circ$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  is converted to  $(\text{NF}_2)_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  in nearly quantitative yield. Chlorocarbonyl fluorosulfate results when  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  is mixed with  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  or  $\text{BrOSO}_2\text{F}$ .

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CHLORODIFLUORAMINE AND DIFLUORODIAZINE

by

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Chlorodifluoramine has been prepared by reaction of difluoramine with boron trichloride<sup>1</sup>, phosgene<sup>2</sup> or hydrogen chloride<sup>2</sup>; treating a mixture of sodium azide and sodium chloride with fluorine<sup>3</sup>; reaction of chlorine trifluoride with ammonium fluoride<sup>4</sup>; reaction of chlorine and difluoramine in the presence of potassium fluoride<sup>5</sup>; and photolysis of tetrafluorohydrazine and sulfinyl chloride.<sup>6</sup>

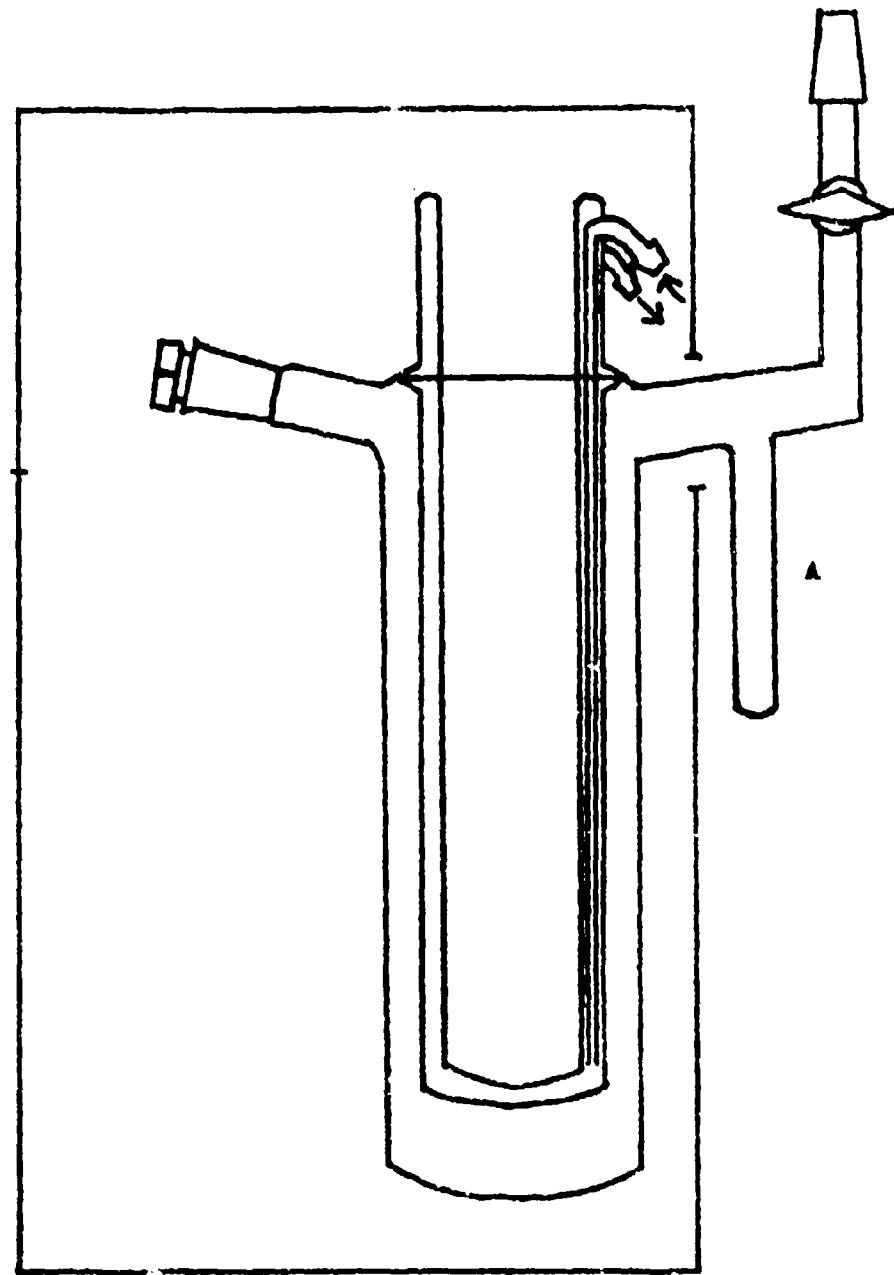
Difluorodiazine has been prepared by the thermal decomposition of fluorine oxide<sup>7</sup>, electrolysis of ammonium hydrogen fluoride<sup>8</sup>; reaction of nitrogen trifluoride with mercury vapor in an electric discharge<sup>9</sup>, dehydrofluorination of difluoramine<sup>10</sup>, treatment of a solution of N,N-difluorourea with a concentrated potassium hydroxide solution<sup>11</sup>, reaction of sodium azide and fluorine<sup>12</sup>, decomposition of  $N_2F_4Sb_2F_{11}$ <sup>13</sup>, and reaction of tetrafluorohydrazine and excess aluminum chloride at -78°<sup>14</sup>. However, each of these methods suffers from one or more disadvantages including low<sup>4,8,9,11,12,14</sup> or erratic<sup>2,3</sup> yields, tendency to explode<sup>3,4,7</sup>, use of a very hazardous reagent<sup>1,2,5,10</sup> (difluoramine is extremely shock sensitive as a solid), and indirect method of preparation<sup>13</sup>.

The following are convenient methods for the preparation of chlorodifluoramine and difluorodiazine in reproducibly good yields by the reaction of difluoramidefluorosulfate with sodium chloride and the photolysis of tetrafluorohydrazine and bromine.

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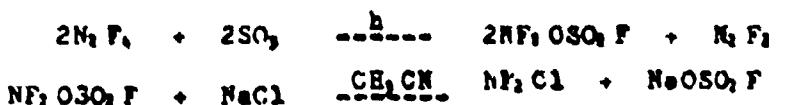
Pyrex photolysis vessel with water-cooled quartz probe.

CAUTION. Care should be exercised in handling tetrafluorohydrazine, chlorodifluoramine and difluorodiazine since N-halogen compounds are known to exhibit explosive properties. Any apparatus used should be clean and free of organic materials. Liquid nitrogen should be used for condensing reagents.

PROCEDURE

In the following procedures a standard glass vacuum line with high-vacuum stopcocks (lubricated with Kel-F 90 grease<sup>16</sup>) is used. Due to the reactivity of many of the compounds with mercury, it is convenient to use a null point pressure device, such as a Booth-Cromer<sup>16</sup> pressure gauge or spiral gauge. A mercury manometer covered with Kel-F 3 oil<sup>17</sup> can be used.

A. CHLORODIFLUORAMINE



Difluoramidofluorosulfate is prepared by the photolysis of tetrafluorohydrazine and sulfur trioxide (55% yield)<sup>17</sup> or essentially quantitatively by the reaction of N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub> and peroxodisulfuryl difluoride (S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>F<sub>2</sub>).<sup>18</sup>

A 300 ml Pyrex glass vessel fitted with a Teflon stopcock<sup>19</sup> and containing a Teflon-coated stirring bar is charged with excess reagent grade sodium chloride (0.052 mole). After evacuation on the vacuum line, 3 ml of dry acetonitrile followed by difluoramidofluorosulfate (0.010 mole), are distilled into the vessel which is at -195°. The mixture is warmed to room temperature and is stirred with a magnetic stirring device for two hr (behind a safety shield). The volatile compounds are removed ~~under~~ static

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vacuum from the reaction vessel held at -78° (to retain acetonitrile) to a trap at -195°. Then as the latter warms from -195°, the material is separated by passing through traps at -135 and 195°. The first trap contains acetonitrile and small amounts of unreacted starting material while the trap at -195° will have pure chlorodifluoramine (0.0094 mole, > 99%).<sup>19</sup>  $\text{NF}_2\text{Cl}$  passes the trap at -135° slowly under good vacuum. Although chlorodifluoramine can be stored for long periods in Pyrex at -195°, for reasons of safety, it is suggested that only small amounts (< 0.01 mole) be retained.

#### B. DIIFLUORODIAZINE



Reagent grade bromine is used without further purification. It can be stored under static vacuum for long periods at room temperature in an ordinary Pyrex tube equipped with a Teflon<sup>®</sup> stopcock. Tetrafluoro-hydrazine<sup>\*\*</sup> is used without further purification.

Photolysis is carried out in an 850 ml Pyrex vessel equipped with a water-cooled quartz probe. The ultraviolet light source is a 450-w lamp\*\*\* with a Vycor filter\*\*\*. To reduce the dangers from a possible explosion or eye damage from ultraviolet radiation, the reaction vessel shown in Figure \_\_\_ is contained in a wooden box.

The photolysis bulb is connected to the vacuum line via a 10/30 standard taper joint and is evacuated. Bromine (0.004 mole) and tetrafluoro-hydrazine (0.002 mole) are condensed into the cold finger (A) at -195°. The mixture expands into the bulb as it warms to room temperature. The lamp is turned on only after the Vycor filter is in place, the cold tap water is passing through the water jacket, and the reagents are at room temperature. Photolysis time for an 850-ml bulb is about 90 min.

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(\*\*\*) Hanovia L-679A36 and filter 7910, Hanovia Lamp Division, Engelhard Hanovia, Inc., Engelhard, N. J.

After the photolysis is completed, the reaction mixture is transferred under dynamic vacuum to a trap at -195°. The small amount of nitrogen formed in the reaction is expelled by the pumping system. The mixture is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature (an empty Dewar cooled to -195° with liquid nitrogen is convenient) and a trap-to-trap separation is performed using traps at ~140 and -195°. The first trap contains N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub>. The photolysis vessel contains a white solid, probably (NO)<sub>2</sub>SiF<sub>6</sub>.

Difluorodiazine contaminated with SiF<sub>4</sub> and NF<sub>3</sub> is held at -195°. This mixture is passed through a sodium fluoride trap to remove SiF<sub>4</sub> by the formation of Na<sub>2</sub>SiF<sub>6</sub>. Difluorodiazine may be separated from nitrogen trifluoride by gas chromatography using a 25 ft x 0.25 in. aluminum or copper column packed with 20% FC-43° on acid-washed Chromosorb P. A helium flow rate of 0.5 cc/sec is used and the column is held at -63°. Nitrogen trifluoride, trans-difluorodiazine and cis-difluorodiazine elute in that order. The yield is 70% difluorodiazine (53% trans).

With a 5-l. bulb, using 0.015 mole bromine and 0.009 mole tetrafluorohydrazine, the same yield results after 90 min of photolysis.

Although difluorodiazine can be stored for long periods in Pyrex glass at -195° or in metal at room temperature, for reasons of safety, it is suggested that only small amounts ( 0.01 mole) be retained.

#### PROPERTIES

Chlorodifluoramine is a white solid at -195°, a colorless liquid at -184°, and boils at -67°. The vapor pressure curve is given by the equation  $\log P_{mm} = \frac{-950}{T} + 7.478$ . The infrared spectrum consists of the

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the following peaks: 1853 w, 1755 w, 1695 w, 1372 w, 926 s, 855 s, 746 s, 694 s  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>1</sup> The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr shows a broad triplet centered at -141.5 ppm relative to an internal reference of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ .

Cis-difluorodiazine is a colorless liquid at -195° with a boiling point of -105.7°. The vapor pressure curve follows the equation  $\log P_{\text{mm}} = \frac{-803.0}{T} + 7.675$ . The infrared spectrum consists of the following peaks: 1538 w, 1513 w, 954 s, 904 s, 883 s, 738  $\text{vs cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>20</sup> The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr shows a broad triplet centered at -136.1 ppm relative to an internal reference of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ .

Trans-difluorodiazine is a white solid melting at -172° and boiling at -111.4°. The vapor pressure curve is given by the equation  $\log P_{\text{mm}} = \frac{-742}{T} + 7.470$ . The infrared spectrum is a strong band at 995  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>20</sup> The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr gives a broad triplet centered at -94.4 ppm relative to an internal reference of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ .

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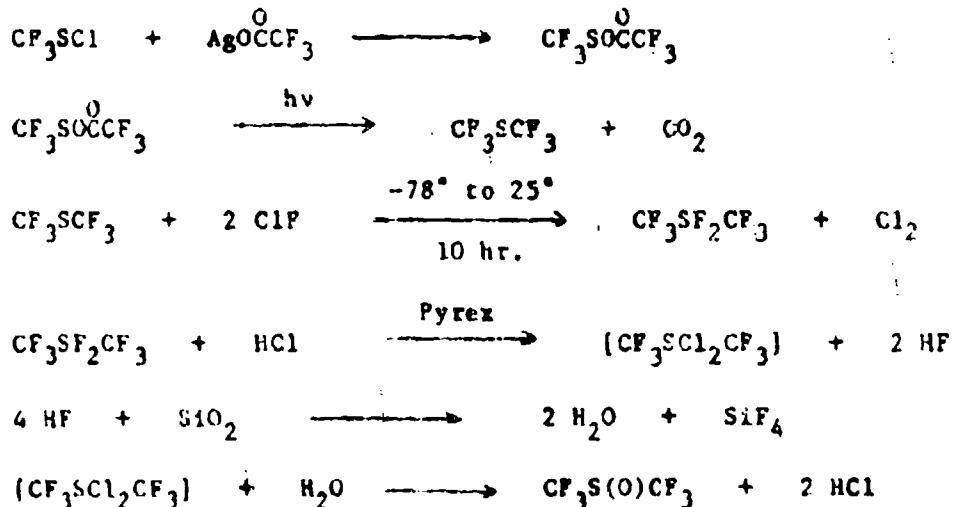
## BIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL) SULFOXIDE

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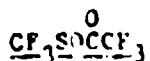
Bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide has been previously prepared<sup>1</sup> by the elemental fluorination of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide at -78° in hexafluoroethane followed by subsequent hydrolysis of the bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride. This method suffers from the fact that elemental fluorine must be used, a solvent is needed and yields are low.

Oxidation of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide with commercially obtainable chlorine monofluoride in the absence of solvent yields bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride in > 90% yield.<sup>2,3</sup> Pure bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride is resistant to hydrolysis and is stable to storage in Pyrex at 25° for extended periods of time. Reaction of bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride with anhydrous HCl in a clean Pyrex bulb results in the formation of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide in good yield. This preparative method has been extended resulting in the preparation of  $\text{CF}_3\text{S(O)C}_2\text{F}_5$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{S(O)}_n\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{S(O)C}_2\text{F}_5$ .<sup>2,3</sup>

GENERAL PROCEDURES

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Bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide was prepared by the photolysis of trifluoromethylsulfonyl trifluoroacetate.<sup>4</sup> Other preparative methods,<sup>5,6</sup> have been difficult to reproduce or produce the monosulfide in small yield. Oxidation of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide with chlorine monofluoride proceeds smoothly as the metal reactor containing the mixture is slowly warmed from -78 to 25° over 10 hours. No cleavage products are formed and the desired bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride is isolated in > 90% yield. The reaction of the sulfur difluoride with anhydrous HCl to produce bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide is presumed to proceed through the bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur dichloride intermediate. Since HF is produced when HCl reacts with bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride in Pyrex, water is formed which results in hydrolysis of the bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur dichloride intermediate. Attempts to isolate the sulfur dichloride intermediate by reaction of HCl and bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride in the presence of NaP in a nickel bomb resulted in the formation of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide and chlorine quantitatively.



Procedure: Ten  $\mu$ moles of trifluoromethylsulfenyl chloride\* ( $\text{CF}_3\text{SCl}$ ) is reacted with excess silver trifluoroacetate\* at 25°C for 10 minutes in a one-liter Pyrex vessel to produce trifluoromethylsulfonyl trifluoroacetate ( $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}^0\text{CCF}_3$ ) quantitatively.  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}^0\text{CCF}_3$  may be freed from trace amounts of  $\text{CF}_3\text{SCl}$  by passage through a -78°C (acetone) slush bath which retains the pure  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}^0\text{CCF}_3$ .

Properties: Trifluoromethylsulfonyl trifluoroacetate is a colorless liquid at 25°C. The  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR resonances occur at 47.3 ppm ( $\text{CF}_3\text{S}$ ) and 76.5 ppm ( $\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}$ ) with no coupling observed between the trifluoromethyl groups.<sup>4</sup> The infrared spectrum consists of bands at 1835 (m), 1805 (w,sh), 1317 (w), 1246 (m-s), 1202 (vs), 1190 (s,sh), 1120 (m-s), 1069 (s), 835 (w), 765 (w-m) and 720 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

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### CF<sub>3</sub>SCF<sub>3</sub>

Procedure: Ten  $\mu$ moles of trifluoromethylsulfonyl trifluoroacetate are photolyzed for 3/4 hour through Pyrex with a Hanovia "Utility" Ultraviolet Quartz Lamp (140 watt) producing bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide and CO<sub>2</sub> quantitatively. Pure bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide is retained in a -120°C slush bath (diethyl ether) while CO<sub>2</sub> slowly sublimes into a -183° bath during trap-to-trap distillation.

Properties: Bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide exists as a colorless gas at room temperature and condenses to a colorless liquid. The vapor pressure of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide is given by the equation  $\log P_{mm} = 7.82 - 1239.1/T$  from which the b.p. is calculated as -22.2°.<sup>5</sup> The <sup>19</sup>F NMR consists of a single resonance at 38.6 ppm. The infrared spectrum contains bands at 1220 (s), 1198 (vs), 1160 (s), 1078 (vs), 758 (m), and 475 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### CF<sub>3</sub>SF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>

Procedure: Reaction of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide with chlorine monofluoride is carried out in a 75 ml stainless steel Hoke bomb. The bomb is evacuated and in a typical preparation, 10  $\mu$ moles of bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfide and 22  $\mu$ moles of chlorine monofluoride are added at -183°C. The vessel is then warmed to -78°C and slowly allowed to warm to 25°C over a 10 hour period. The product mixture is first separated by fractional condensation. The bis(trifluoromethyl)-sulfur difluoride (CF<sub>3</sub>SF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>) is retained in a -98° slush bath while any unreacted CF<sub>3</sub>SCF<sub>3</sub>, ClF and Cl<sub>2</sub> pass into a -183° bath. The CF<sub>3</sub>SF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> may be further purified by gas chromatography utilizing a 17 ft. 20% Kel-F 0:1 (3M Co.) on Chromasorb-P column. Final purification gives CF<sub>3</sub>SF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> in > 90% yield based on the amount of monofluoride used.

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Properties: Bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride is a colorless gas at 25°C which condenses to a colorless liquid. A boiling point of 21°C is calculated from a Clausius-Clapeyron plot according to the equation  $\log P_{mm} = 8.00 - 1507/T$ .  $^{19}F$  NMR resonances at 58.0 ( $CF_3$ ) and 14.2 ppm ( $SF_2$ ) integrate to the proper 6:2 ratio with  $J_{SF_2-CF_3} = 19.5$  cps. The infrared spectrum contains bands at 1281 (vs), 1260 (s), 1215 (m-s), 1144 (m), 1081 (vs), 766 (m), 677 (s) and 507 (m)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

$CF_3S(O)CF_3$

Procedure: Four mmoles of bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur difluoride react with 16 mmoles anhydrous  $HCl^*$  in a clean one-liter Pyrex vessel for 24 hrs to give bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide in 70% yield. The bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide is purified by fractional condensation. The desired sulfoxide is retained in a -78°C slush bath while any unreacted  $HCl$  and  $CF_3SF_2CF_3$  pass into a -183° bath. Further purification by gas chromatography, utilizing a 17 ft 20% Kel-F on Chromasorb-P column, enables isolation of pure  $CF_3S(O)CF_3$ . When this reaction is carried out in a metal bomb, no sulfoxide is formed. The products isolated were identified as  $CF_3SCF_3$ ,  $Cl_2$  and unreacted  $HCl$ .

Properties: Bis(trifluoromethyl) sulfoxide is a colorless liquid at 25°. A normal boiling point of 37.3°C is calculated from a Clausius-Clapeyron plot according to the equation  $\log P_{mm} = 7.66 - 1483/T$ . Conformational spectral properties include a molecular ion in the mass spectrum (2.1%) and a single  $^{19}F$  resonance at 64.5 ppm. The infrared spectrum contains bands at 1244 (vs) 1191, 1187 (doublet, s), 1121 (m-s), 1105 (vs), 752 (w) and 468 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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Preparation and Spectral Studies of Dimethylchlorotin Carboxylates

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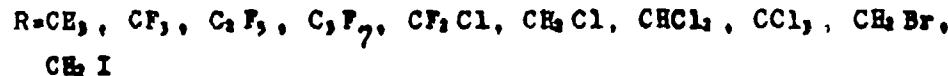
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Summary

Dimethylchlorotin carboxylates,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ClSnOOCR}$ ; R =  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$ ,  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ , are prepared by heating trimethyltin chloride with an excess of the appropriate acid at 100°. These compounds have been studied by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr, infrared, and Mössbauer spectroscopy. Based on this spectral data, in the solid state or in methylene chloride or chloroform, penta-coordinate tin is present. The solids are polymeric with bridging carboxylate units. In solution, the nonfluorinated carboxylate-containing compounds are very likely chelate monomers, while the remaining compounds retain polymeric character.

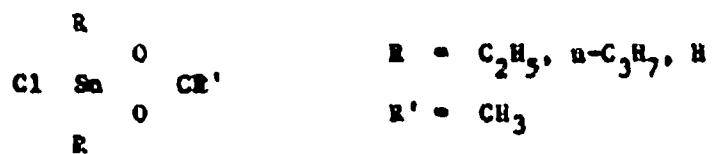
Introduction

Dialkylchlorotin carboxylates ( $\text{R}_2\text{ClSnOOCR}'$ ) have been prepared by a variety of methods including the reactions of dialkyltin dichlorides with carboxylic acids or salts of these acids.<sup>1</sup> Recently we reported<sup>2</sup> the syntheses of diorganochlorotin carboxylates in high yield via the reactions of triorganotin chlorides with carboxylic acids which involve the rather unexpected displacement of methane<sup>3</sup>



This is particularly interesting when the dialkylchlorotin product is compared with the trimethylsilyl perfluoroacetate obtained in 80% yield from the analogous reaction with trimethylchlorosilane and  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ <sup>4</sup> with hydrogen chloride as the only other product.

Some of the structural aspects of organotin compounds have been reviewed by Okawara and Wada.<sup>5</sup> Extensive work on the infrared as well as nuclear magnetic resonance and Raman spectra and X-ray data confirm that most compounds of the type  $R_3SnCO_2R'$  occur as polymeric solids (pentacoordinated tin) with planar trimethyl and bridging carboxylate groups.<sup>6-14</sup> In solution, or in the liquid phase, the compounds are monomeric. Formation of the polymeric structure is impeded by steric hindrance of bulky alkyl groups and also does not occur with thio- or dithio-acetates. Thus,  $iPr_3SnOAc$  was found to exist as a monomeric liquid at 25° rather than as a five-coordinate polymer. Infrared spectral studies of halogen-substituted triethyl tin acetates also indicate four coordinate structures in solution.<sup>15</sup> In contrast, the structure of compounds of the type  $R_2ClSnCO_2R'$  is thought to be five coordinate and monomeric in solution, presumably with chelate carboxylate groups.<sup>16</sup>



We have now prepared ten compounds of this type where R is methyl and R' is a variety of haloalkyl groups and have attempted through available spectral techniques (vibrational, mass, nmr and Mössbauer) to establish the structure of these materials. We report our conclusions below.

## Experimental

### Preparation of Dimethylchlorotin Carboxylates

A standard Pyrex glass high vacuum system was used for manipulating volatile materials and for separating the volatile products. All of the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates are prepared by sealing the reactants in a thick walled Pyrex tube. E.G., trimethyltin chloride (3.94 mmol) and an excess of trifluoroacetic acid (19.1 mmol) when heated at 100° for several hours form methane (3.94 mmol) quantitatively as measured by PVT techniques. The excess acid is removed under vacuum with concomitant heating when required. Essentially 100% conversion to the dimethylchlorotin trifluoroacetate (3.94 mmol) occurs. With the exception of the dimethylchlorotin nonhaloacetates (~ 60% yield based on the amount of trimethyltin chloride converted), all preparations are essentially quantitative. Lower yields are due in part to the necessity for subliming the product from the reaction vessel.

### Preparation of Trimethyltin Acetate

An excess of glacial acetic acid is added to a pyridine solution of trimethyltin chloride (2.5 mmol/cc). After stirring for several minutes, a white solid precipitated from solution. Pure trimethyltin acetate (1.9 mmol) was obtained by crystallization from water.

## Methods

Elemental analyses of dimethylchlorotin perfluorocarboxylates and chlorodifluoroacetate were performed by Aller Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium, Göttingen, Germany. Other compounds were analyzed by Bernard Schecter of this department. Some chlorine analyses were determined by using Volhard's method. The elemental analyses and melting point data are given in Table I. Melting points of the solid compounds were determined by using a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus.

TABLE 1. Elemental Analysis of Dimethylchlorotin Carboxylates  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnCl}(\text{OCR})_2$

R	m.p., °C	C	H	Cl	Sn	F
$\text{CF}_3$	118	16.21 (16.15) <sup>+</sup>	2.13 (2.02)	12.12 (11.93)	40.11 (39.94)	19.4 (19.18)
$\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$	103-104.5	17.26 (17.28)	1.90 (1.73)	10.41 <sup>*</sup> (10.21)	33.81 (34.19)	27.1 (27.37)
$\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$	115	18.24 (18.13)	1.54 (1.51)	8.96 <sup>*</sup> (8.93)	29.51 (29.59)	33.0 (33.49)
$\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$	128-129	15.22 (15.31)	1.94 (1.93)	22.49 (22.63)	17.49 (17.83)	12.1 (12.11)
$\text{CH}_3$	187-188 <sup>**</sup>	---	---	---	---	---
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$	129-130	17.52 (17.29)	2.93 (2.90)			
$\text{CHCl}_2$	130-131.5	15.60 (15.38)	2.52 (2.26)			
$\text{CCl}_3$	196	14.05 (13.85)	1.76 (1.74)			
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	114-117	15.04 (14.90)	2.55 (2.50)			
$\text{CH}_2\text{I}$	127-128	13.55 (13.00)	2.60 (2.18)			

<sup>+</sup> ( ) calculated percentage

<sup>\*</sup> determined by Volhard method

<sup>\*\*</sup> literature 184-186<sup>17</sup>

Infrared spectra were recorded by using a Perkin Elmer Model 621 grating spectrophotometer with a range of 4000-250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Spectra were calibrated from known peaks of a polystyrene film. Spectra of solids were obtained with pressed KBr discs or with nujol mulls. Spectra of liquids or solutions in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at several concentrations up to about 0.2 M were recorded from compensated KBr cells. High resolution  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectra were obtained with a Varian HA-100 spectrometer operating at 94.1 MHz and  $^1\text{H}$  nmr spectra were recorded with an A-60 nmr spectrometer.  $\text{D}_6$ -acetone or  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was used as a solvent and tetramethylsilane and/or trichloro-fluoromethane as internal references. The Mössbauer spectra were determined at the University of British Columbia by using apparatus described previously.<sup>10</sup> Tin(IV) oxide was used as the reference and the spectra were recorded at -196°.

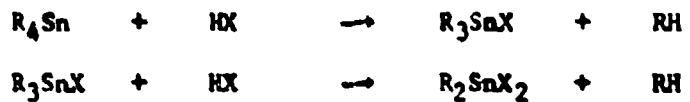
#### Reagents

$\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrCO}_2\text{H}$  were obtained from Aldrich Chemical Co.;  $\text{CF}_3\text{ClCO}_2\text{H}$  from Pierce Chemical Co.;  $\text{CH}_3\text{ICO}_2\text{H}$  from Eastman;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClCO}_2\text{H}$  from J. T. Baker Chemical Co.; and  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  and  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  from Matheson, Coleman and Bell. Trimethyltin chloride was purchased from Alfa Inorganics.

#### Results and Discussion

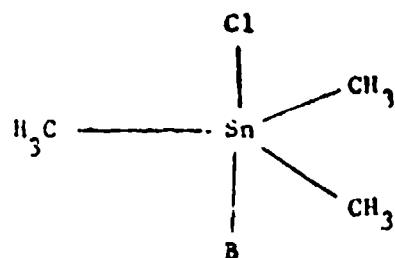
The reactions of trialkyltin chlorides with metal carboxylates have been used to prepare trialkyltin carboxylates.<sup>1</sup> However, we find that triorganotin chlorides react with carboxylic acids to give diorganochlorotin carboxylates<sup>2</sup> and alkane. Cleavage of the tin-carbon bond in tetraorganotin compounds has been used to prepare substituted organotin compounds,<sup>18, 19</sup> but

dealkylation or dephenylation of triorganotin chlorides occur only in a few cases.<sup>20</sup> However, in the reaction of tetraorganostannanes with hydrogen halides at higher temperature or for long periods at low temperature, diorganotin dihalides are formed.<sup>21-24</sup>



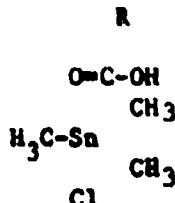
Recently Aubke et al.<sup>25</sup> reported that the reactions of  $HSO_3R$  ( $R = F, CF_3, Cl, Me, Et$ ) with trimethyltin chloride yield  $Me_2Sn(SO_3R)_2$  and methane and hydrogen chloride. They suggest the stepwise replacement of chloride by the acid anion followed by production of methane. However, under the conditions used in the present study, no  $HCl$  is obtained and a maximum of one mole of methane per mole of triorganotin chloride is produced regardless of the acid:tin compound ratio.

Triorganotin halides, in which the halogen atom sufficiently increases the acceptor strength of the molecule, have the tendency to interact with donor molecules to form trigonal bipyramidal adducts. The existence and structure (I) of five-coordinated tin addition compounds,  $(CH_3)_3SnCl \cdot B$ <sup>26-28</sup> where  $B$  is  $(CH_3)_2SO$ ,  $Ph_3PO$  or  $CH_3C(O) \cdot (CH_3)_2$ , have been based on nmr spin-spin coupling values ( $J_{Sn-Cl:3}$ ) and infrared studies.



The 1:2 molecular complexes of  $SnCl_4$  and aromatic acids<sup>29</sup> have been isolated. For these compounds, Mössbauer studies have been used to lend

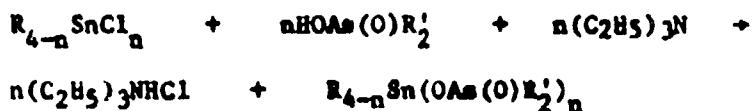
support to the structure in which the carbonyl oxygen coordinates directly to the tin atom. Therefore, the reaction of trimethyltin chloride with carboxylic acids may occur via an adduct intermediate, such as II. Such an intermediate would favor formation of  $\text{CH}_4$  rather than  $\text{HCl}$ . The  $\text{Sn-Cl}$



(II)

bond energy in  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SnCl}$  is about 85 kcal/mole, while that of the  $\text{Sn-C}$  bond in  $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Sn}$  is about 55 kcal.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, the  $\text{Sn-C}$  bond in  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SnCl}$  is expected to be weaker than the  $\text{Sn-Cl}$  bond and formation of  $\text{CH}_4$  is not unexpected. MacCannan and Lustig<sup>3</sup> in a reaction of another strong acid, difluorodithiophosphoric acid, with trimethyltin chloride also observe quantitative formation of methane. This is also run without a base.

However, we have found in the presence of pyridine, trimethyltin chloride reacts with acetic acid to form trimethyltin acetate. Analogously, alkyltin chlorides form organostannyl arsenates<sup>31</sup> with arsenic acids in the presence of triethylamine according to



In these cases, the reactions could arise from nucleophilic attack by the acid anion at the positive tin center which would tend to weaken the  $\text{Sn-Cl}$  bond particularly when accompanied by the strong driving force provided by the formation of the quaternary ammonium chloride salt.

There is a marked difference in the behavior of  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SnCl}$  towards acids compared with that of  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiCl}_3$ <sup>3,4</sup> where  $\text{HCl}$  and not  $\text{CH}_4$  is invariably formed. Again this is to be expected when it is noted that the bond energy for  $\text{Si-C} > \text{Si-Cl} > \text{Sn-C} < \text{Sn-Cl}$ .

#### Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectra

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr of some dimethylchlorotin carboxylates are listed in Table 2. The chemical shifts and coupling constants are in agreement with those reported for similar compounds.<sup>32</sup> The chemical shifts are essentially independent of the solvent used. No coupling between  $\text{H-F}$  or  $\text{Sn-F}$  is observed.

Methyltin derivatives are particularly suitable for  $^1\text{H}$  nmr studies because the proton-tin coupling constants are determined easily. In recent years, many nmr studies have been carried out on trimethyltin carboxylates and dimethyltin diacetates,<sup>33</sup> but none of the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates has been examined. Table 3 includes the proton chemical shifts and proton-tin coupling constants for dimethylchlorotin carboxylates determined during this work.

The observed chemical shifts can be explained as a function of the screening constants of the substituents while the coupling constant values reflect the differences in the state of hybridization<sup>3,4</sup> and the coordination number of the tin.<sup>35</sup> There is a systematic decrease in the screening constant of the  $\text{Cl}_3\text{Sn}$  protons when methyl groups are successively displaced by the more electronegative chlorine atoms or acetyl groups on tin.<sup>28, 34, 36-38</sup> The  $\text{Sn-CH}_3$  coupling constants,  $J_{^{117}\text{Sn-CH}_3}$  and  $J_{^{119}\text{Sn-CH}_3}$ , increase with increasing electronegativity of the substituents and with the coordination number of tin. For the trimethyltin carboxylates,<sup>34</sup>

TABLE 3. Proton NMR Spectra of Dimethylchlorotin Carboxylates,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnCl}_2\text{OCR}$

R	$\delta_{\text{CH}_3-\text{Sn}}$	$\delta_{\text{OCCH}_2\text{X}_3-\text{n}}$	$J_{119\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3}$	$J_{117\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3}$
$\text{CH}_3$	1.075 <sup>a</sup>	1.975	86	83
	1.160 <sup>b</sup>	2.185	75	72.3
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$	1.175 <sup>a</sup>	4.333	90	86.5
	1.205 <sup>b</sup>	4.210	77.5	74
$\text{CHCl}_2$	1.192 <sup>a</sup>	6.550	91	87
	1.265 <sup>b</sup>	6.060	77	73.5
$\text{CCl}_3$	1.209 <sup>a</sup>		92	88
	1.281 <sup>b</sup>		77	73.5
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	1.100 <sup>a</sup>	3.891	88	83
	1.230 <sup>b</sup>	3.990	75.8	73.2
$\text{CH}_2\text{I}$	1.083 <sup>a</sup>	3.687	88	84
	1.185 <sup>b</sup>	3.820	77.5	73.8
$\text{CF}_3$	1.150 <sup>a</sup>		88	84
	1.250 <sup>b</sup>		72.3	69.5
$\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$	1.117 <sup>a</sup>		88	84
	1.250 <sup>b</sup>		74	71
$\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$	1.113 <sup>a</sup>		90	86
	1.250 <sup>b</sup>		74.5	71
$\text{CClF}_2$	1.200 <sup>a</sup>		92	88
	1.260 <sup>b</sup>		75	72

a  $\text{D}_6$ -acetone for solvent. TMS used as internal reference

b  $\text{CHCl}_3$  for solvent. Recalibrated with  $\delta_{\text{CHCl}_3} = 7.35$

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$\text{CCl}_3$	1.209 <sup>a</sup>		92	88
	1.283 <sup>b</sup>		77	73.5
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	1.100 <sup>a</sup>	3.891	88	83
	1.230 <sup>b</sup>	3.990	75.8	73.2
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$J_{119\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3}$  occurs around 59 Hz, thus in the vicinity observed for four-coordinated systems, e.g., tetramethyltin,  $J = 54.0$  Hz and trimethyltin chloride,  $J = 58.5$  Hz. Therefore, these carboxylates exist as monomers in nonpolar solvents.<sup>6,7</sup> In established five-coordinated tin compounds, such as the pyridine adduct of trimethyltin chloride,<sup>35,39</sup> or trimethyltin chloride in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , the  $\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3$  coupling increases to 67.0 and 70.7 Hz, respectively. For dimethyltin diacetate, which contains six-coordinated tin based on  $\text{COO}^-$  vibration frequencies in the infrared spectrum,<sup>33</sup> the  $^{119}\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3$  coupling constant is 82.5 Hz. Thus, the magnitude of the coupling constant can be used as a diagnostic tool in predicting the coordination number of tin in the dimethylchlorotin derivatives.

Since the  $^{119}\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3$  coupling constants for these new dimethylchlorotin carboxylates fall in the range 73-77 in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solution, the structure is one in which the tin atom is five-coordinated<sup>40</sup> as was suggested for  $\text{R}_2\text{Sn}(\text{Cl})_2\text{CCH}_3$ ,<sup>16</sup> ( $\text{R} = \text{Et, n-Pr, n-Bu}$ ); while in  $\text{D}_6$ -acetone ( $J_{119\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3} = 88$  Hz), the tin must be six-coordinated resulting from the coordination of the carbonyl oxygen of acetone.

The linear relationship between the degree of  $s$ -character in the tin orbitals directed toward carbon and the coupling constants have been studied in detail by Holmes and Kaesz<sup>34</sup> and van der Kelen<sup>29</sup>. Interpolation from the function<sup>34</sup> relating  $J_{119\text{Sn}-\text{CH}_3}$  to the apparent  $s$ -character of the

tin-atom orbital in the Sn-C bond indicates 39% s-character for the J value of 77 Hz in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solution and 43% s-character for 88 Hz in  $\text{D}_6$ -acetone solution which supports the above penta- and hexa-coordinate models for the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance measurements on the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates also show several other important features: the chemical shifts of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Sn}$  protons show very little change in the deshielding of the methyl protons with increasing electron withdrawing ability of the R groups. The inductive effect predominates in the series R =  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CCl}_3$  since there is a regular decrease of the screening constant for  $\text{RCOO}^-$  protons with increasing number of halosubstituents. Also, the inductive effect shows in the chemical shifts of  $\text{RCOO}^-$  protons in the series  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ . In this series, the tin-proton coupling constants show an irregular change, while they are essentially unaffected by increasing the number of chlorine substituents. The anisotropy effect must be the main contributing factor in the series R =  $\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CCl}_3$ .

#### Infrared Spectra

The completely rigorous assignment of the bands to their respective normal modes is impossible for these complex compounds. However, some assignments can be made by referring to the spectra of the corresponding sodium salts,<sup>41,42</sup> the triethyltin carboxylates,<sup>6, 8, 43</sup> the dimethyltin diacetates,<sup>33</sup> and methyltin chlorides.<sup>43-47</sup> Particularly pertinent to this work is the Raman spectrum of  $((\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnCl})^+ (\text{C}_{2v})$  as given for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnCl}_2$  in  $\text{HCl}$  solution.<sup>46</sup> Corresponding peaks can be found in the infrared and Raman spectra of dimethylchlorotin acetate (taken as representative). Many of the remaining bands may be identified by comparing with the spectrum of  $\text{NaOOC(}\text{U}\text{)CH}_3$  as shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4. Infrared and Raman Spectra of  
 $(CH_3)_2SnClO_2CCH_3$ ,  $(CH_3)_2SnCl_2$  and  $NaO_2CCH_3$

	$(CH_3)_2SnClO_2CCH_3$	$(CH_3)_2SnCl_2$	$NaO_2CCH_3$
	IR <sup>a,b</sup>	Raman <sup>c</sup>	IR <sup>a,b</sup>
$\nu_{a,CH}$	3014vw	3022 w	3025
$\nu_{a,CH}$	2923 w	2930 m	2930
	2852vw		
$\nu_{a,CO_2}$	1550s	1572vw	1578
	1450s	1453vw	1443
$\delta_{a,CH_3}$	1430s	1432vw	1430
$\delta_{a,CH_3}$	1403s	1413vw	1414
$\nu_{a,CO_2}$		1352vw	
	1210w	1214 m	
$\delta_{CH_3-Sn}$	1196vw	1202 w	1204
	1047vw		1042
CH <sub>3</sub> rock	1015m		1009
$\nu_{C-C}$	950vw	954w	924
	815 sh		786
Sn-CH <sub>3</sub> rock	794 s		745
COO scissor	685 s		646
COO out plane bend	613w		615
$\nu_{a,Sn-C}$	576 m	577w	567
$\nu_{a,Sn-C}$	527 w	532 vvs	575
COO rock	493 w	500 w	460
$\nu_{Sn-Cl}$	324 s	319 s	325
	285 w	282 w	

TABLE 4. (con.)

Raman

217 w

200 w

149 m

- a. For original spectrum in NaCl region, see Okawara<sup>43</sup>
- b. KBr disc
- c. Neat solid

The characteristic absorptions due to carbonyl asymmetric and Sn-C asymmetric and symmetric stretching frequencies and Sn-Cl vibrations are listed in Table 5. The fact that both asymmetric and symmetric stretches are observed for Sn-C indicates the presence of a nonlinear C-Sn-C moiety. Since it is difficult to assign  $\nu_{CO_2}$  frequencies in the  $1400-1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region in which C-H deformations also appear, these are omitted even though separation of  $\nu_{CO_2}$  and  $\nu_{CO}$  is used to detect the types of carboxyl groups by some authors.<sup>48,49</sup> The  $\nu_{CO_2}$  frequencies increase generally with increasing electron withdrawing ability in the substituted carboxylate groups. The nujol null spectra are essentially the same as spectra obtained from samples in KBr discs. In comparison of solution and solid state spectra, the  $\nu_{Sn-C}$ ,  $\nu_{Sn-C}$ , Sn-Cl vibrations do not show significant changes.

However, the carbonyl vibrations do shift to higher energies for the nonfluorinated carboxylates ( $R = CH_3, CH_2Cl, CHCl_2, Cl, CH_2Br, CH_2I$ ), e.g., for  $(CH_3)_2ClSnO_2CCH_3$ , the band for the asymmetric carbonyl shifts to  $1598\text{ cm}^{-1}$  from  $1550\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . For  $(CH_3)_2SnO_2CCH_3$ ,<sup>7,10</sup> with  $\nu_{CO_2}$  at  $1658\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in  $CHCl_3$ , solution shifted from  $1570\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the solid, the shift is that expected when changing from a monomeric ester form in solution to a bridged polymeric species ( $5$ -coordinate) in the solid. Also, from the spin-spin coupling constant,  $J_{119_{Sn-CH_3}} = 58.2^{50}$ , for  $(CH_3)_2SnO_2C(CH_3)_2$  in  $CDCl_3$  solution, the tin is four-coordinated which indicates a normal ester. Because of the analogous infrared shift and the  $Sn-C$  coupling constants in the  $75$  Hz region for the nonfluorinated carboxylates in  $CHCl_3$ , it is likely that a monomeric non-ester acetoxy form is present, and tin has a coordination number of five. Cryoscopic measurements of molecular weight of  $(C_2H_5)_2ClSnO_2CCH_3$  shows that it is monomeric in non-

TABLE 5. Characteristic Absorptions of  
Dimethylchlorotin Carboxylates  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnClO}_2\text{CR}$

R	$\nu_{\text{C}\text{O}_2}$	$\nu_{\text{a}\text{Sn-C}}$	$\nu_{\text{s}\text{Sn-C}}$	$\nu_{\text{Sn-Cl}}$
$\text{CH}_3$	1550 <sup>a</sup>	576	527	324
	1548 <sup>b</sup>	575	525	324
	1598 <sup>c</sup>	560	523	*
	1572 <sup>d</sup>	577	532	319
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$	1598 <sup>a</sup>	580	508	340
	1600 <sup>b</sup>	580	510	338
	1635 <sup>c</sup>	580	530	340
$\text{CHCl}_2$	1624 <sup>a</sup>	580	524	348
	1643 <sup>c</sup>	548	528	345
	1632 <sup>d</sup>	586	528	350
$\text{CCl}_3$	1635 <sup>a</sup>	583	530	340
	1635 <sup>b</sup>	586	535	335
	1650 <sup>c</sup>	568	525	347
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	1590 <sup>a</sup>	585	528	340
	1590 <sup>b</sup>	585	526	340
	1620 <sup>c</sup>	580	527	*
$\text{CH}_2\text{I}$	1550 <sup>a</sup>	573	503	316
	1553 <sup>b</sup>	573	510	316
	1610 <sup>c,d</sup>	573	527	*
$\text{CF}_3$	1691 <sup>a</sup>	580	521	345
	1690 <sup>b</sup>	581	524	347
	1692 <sup>c</sup>	567	526	350
	1670 <sup>d</sup>	578	526	347
$\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$	1686 <sup>a</sup>	586	524	360
	1690 <sup>b</sup>	588	525	360
	1690 <sup>c</sup>	570	526	348

TABLE 3. (con.)

	$\nu_{\text{aCO}_2}$	$\nu_{\text{aSn-C}}$	$\nu_{\text{aSn-C}}$	$\nu_{\text{Sn-Cl}}$
$\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$	1655 <sup>a</sup>	588	525	355
	1668 <sup>b</sup>	590	524	355
	1685 <sup>c</sup>	568	510	348
	1671 <sup>d</sup>	581	527	334
$\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$	1688 <sup>a</sup>	545	517	349
	1687 <sup>b</sup>	555	527	340
	1689 <sup>c</sup>	564	526	350

a. KBr discs. b. Nujol mull. c.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution. d. Raman

\* Not observed e.  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , solution

polar solvents (benzene).<sup>16</sup> An infrared shift for  $\text{aCO}_2$  to higher energy is also observed (1550 to 1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) suggesting a nonester type of acetoxy group. This would support a monomeric chelate structure for the new compounds. Preliminary molecular weight determinations in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , are inconclusive, although they do point to monomeric structures in solution, e.g., the experimental values exceed theoretical for monomeric species by about 25% for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ClSnO}_2\text{CCH}_3\text{I}$  and  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ClSnO}_2\text{CRCl}_3$ , but they are concentration independent.

All bands in the solution infrared spectra change proportionately with concentration which suggests that no monomer-polymer equilibrium exists.

For the compounds which have fluorine-containing carboxylate groups it should be noted that essentially no shift occurs in  $\text{aCO}_2$  in going from solid to  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution with the exception of the  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$  compound. This suggests that the structure for compounds with  $\text{R} = \text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$ , and  $\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$  is not greatly different in solution. Nmr data point to five-coordinated systems in solution and Mössbauer to five-coordinated tin in the solids (see next section). Molecular weight determinations on  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{SnCl}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  were: 10mg/cc, 919; 30 mg/cc, 927; and 60 mg/cc, 914. The formula weight for  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{SnCl}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  is 297.5. Based on the experimental molecular weight, the compound must be at least trimeric or perhaps polymeric in chloroform solution. Similar results are obtained for the  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$  case where experimental molecular weight values ranging between 761 and 1,433 were obtained (monomeric = 396). This then confirms the existence of these compounds in the solid state as polymeric structures with bridging  $\text{COO}^-$  groups.

### Mössbauer Spectra

The  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  Mössbauer isomer shifts and quadrupole splittings provide a good tool for the study of the coordination in tin compounds. The isomer shift of the  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  resonance is related to the density of 5s electrons at the tin nucleus and the quadrupole splitting gives a measure of the deviation from cubic symmetry of the electron distribution about the tin atom. In Table 6 are found the  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  Mössbauer data recorded at 80°K for some of the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates. The spectrum of each compound was a well-resolved doublet. The isomer shift ( ) values, relative to  $\text{SnO}_2$ , fall in the region 1.34 - 1.45 mm/sec and the quadrupole splittings ( ) values in the range 3.58 - 3.96 mm/sec. As is the case for dialkyltin dicarboxylates, no noticeable Mössbauer effect is present at ambient temperature.<sup>51</sup> Although room temperature Mössbauer effects reportedly reflect the presence of polymeric structures<sup>52,53</sup>, the dicarboxylates still doubtlessly are polymeric even though the association is probably weak. The values for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ClSnO}_2\text{CR}$  are slightly higher than those for tetraorganotin compounds and are similar to those of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnO}_2\text{CCH}_3$ ,<sup>10,14</sup>  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnCl}_3$ ,<sup>54</sup> and  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnSCN}$ ,<sup>54</sup> which have been shown to have a polymeric structure with bridging  $\text{CO}_2$ , or CN or SCN groups and trigonal bipyramidal configuration around the tin atom.<sup>12, 55, 56</sup> The observed values are quite large and similar to those for compounds having trigonal bipyramidal structures, e.g., trimethyltin acetates,<sup>6,7,10</sup>  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnF}_3$ ,<sup>54</sup> and  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnCN}$ .<sup>54</sup> Based on our Mössbauer data, all of the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates are pentacoordinate, and very likely polymeric in the solid state (i.e., 3.6 mm/sec, whereas for tetracoordinated  $\text{R}_2\text{SnO}_2\text{CR}'$  compounds, 2.3 mm/sec).<sup>11</sup>

TABLE 6. Mössbauer data for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SnClO}_2\text{CR}$ 

Compound R	$\delta$ (mm/sec)*	$\Delta$ (mm/sec)*	$\rho$ ( $\frac{\Delta}{\delta}$ )
$\text{CH}_3$	1.34	3.58	2.67
$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$	1.38	3.75	2.72
$\text{CHCl}_2$	1.45	3.91	2.70
$\text{CCl}_3$	1.45	3.96	2.73
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	1.39	3.79	2.73
$\text{CF}_3$	1.44	3.85	2.67
$\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$	1.45	3.90	2.69
$\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$	1.40	3.83	2.74
$\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$	1.42	3.84	2.70

\*Values reproducible to 0.03 mm/sec.

## Conclusion

Dimethylchlorotin carboxylates can be easily made by the reaction of trimethyltin chloride with appropriate acids. These compounds have been studied by a variety of spectroscopic methods in the solid state and in solution which cause us to argue as follows:

- 1) Based on  $J_{119}$  values obtained on solutions in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and on quadrupole splitting values for the solids, the compounds contain pentacoordinated tin. The position of  $\nu_{\text{CO}_2}$  in the infrared spectra (solid or solution) is far removed from the usual organic ester frequency ( $1740 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which suggests bridge or chelate  $\text{COO}^-$  groups in pentacoordinated compounds.
- 2) For the nonfluorinated carboxylates, solution in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is accompanied by a shift to higher frequencies of  $\nu_{\text{CO}_2}$  which indicates a change of structure. Molecular weights done on our compounds are not convincing but the closely related molecule  $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{ClSnO}_2\text{CCl}_3$ , for which a similar frequency shift occurs, is monomeric in solution. This is strong evidence for chelate monomers in solution and for  $\text{COO}^-$ -bridged polymeric structures in the solid.
- 3) For the fluorinated carboxylates,  $\nu_{\text{CO}_2}$  is essentially zero when solution in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  occurs which indicates no change in structure. Molecular weight determinations on  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ClSnO}_2\text{CCl}_3$ , point convincingly to polymers in solution ( $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5$  is somewhat less certain) and thus to  $\text{COO}^-$ -bridged polymeric solids, hence eliminating pentacoordinate chelate monomers in the solid.
- 4) Comparison of our Mössbauer data with that of compounds of known structure also strongly points to a polymeric solid state for all of the dimethylchlorotin carboxylates.

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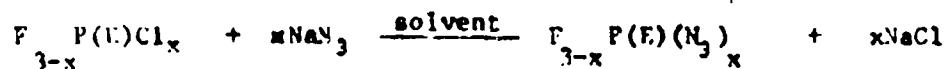
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Abstract. Mixed phosphorus chloride fluorides undergo ready reaction with sodium azide to provide an excellent route to new azide-containing compounds, including  $F_2PN_3$ ,  $F_2P(O)N_3$ ,  $FP(O)(N_3)_2$ , and  $FT(S)(N_3)_2$ . In addition, the previously reported  $F_2P(S)N_3$  is easily prepared by this method.  $F_2PN_3$  has particularly limited stability.

Azidobis(trifluoromethyl)phosphine, which is modestly stable at  $0^\circ$  and decomposes slowly at  $20^\circ$ , was prepared some years ago by reaction chlorobis(trifluoromethyl)phosphine with lithium azide. At  $50^\circ$ , slow decomposition occurs to give phosphonitriles,  $((CF_3)_2PN$ ). Difluorothiophosphoryl azide results from  $\nu$ -oxo-bis(thiophosphoryl difluoride) with sodium azide.<sup>2</sup> Apparently this compound is stable and can be handled without difficulty. Although a number of organophosphorus azides are known and found to be fairly stable, there appear to be no others which also contain fluorine or a fluorine-containing species as a ligand.

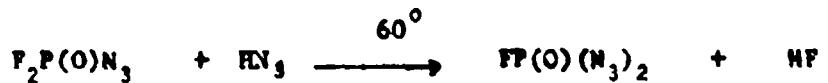
In our synthesis, new azides result from P(III) and P(V) chloride fluorides and sodium azide



$x = 1, 2; E = O, S$

$x = 1; E = \text{absent}$

or hydrazoic acid displaces hydrofluoric acid from a monoazide



The role played by the solvent in the former reactions is an important one in some cases, but one which is not clearly understood. In other instances, e.g., with  $\text{F}_3\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$ , reaction occurs to give a 76% yield of the monoazide without solvent. Mass spectra are particularly useful in confirming these mono- and di-azides since a molecule ion is observed in every case.

#### Experimental

General Methods.--A standard Pyrex vacuum system equipped with a Heise Bourdon tube gauge was used in all reactions. Purification of the azides was obtained either through trap-to-trap fractionation or by fractional codistillation.<sup>3</sup> Molecular weights were determined by the method of Bernault. Infrared spectra were recorded with either a Perkin-Elmer Model 621 or a Perkin-Elmer Model 457 spectrophotometer at 15 Torr in a cell of 5 cm path length with KBr windows. A Hitachi Perkin-Elmer Model KRU-6E spectrometer operating at an ionization potential of 70 eV at  $25^\circ$  was used to record mass spectra. Low resonance  $^{19}\text{F}$  nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were obtained at 94.1 mHz with a Varian HA-100 spectrometer. The  $^{31}\text{P}$  nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 40.5 mHz on the latter instrument. For fluorine, trichlorofluoromethane was the internal reference in 25% solutions. For phosphorus, the external reference was 85% phosphoric acid. In addition, the di-azides were diluted to give 50% solutions in acetonitrile, while the mono-azides were run neat.

Ultraviolet spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer Model 202 spectrometer on samples at pressures less than one Torr in a 10 cm quartz cell. Elemental analyses were performed by Beller Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium, Göttingen, Germany.

Reagents.--Chlorodifluorophosphine<sup>4</sup>, and  $F_2P(O)Cl$ <sup>5</sup> were prepared by methods described in the literature. Sodium azide, obtained from K and K Laboratories, was purified by dissolving the salt in water, acidifying to litmus with HCl and precipitating the azide with acetone. After the salt was filtered, washed, and dried at 100°, it appeared to be free of hydrolysis products and reacted cleanly with the phosphorus halides. Hydrazoic acid is obtained in 80% yield from the reaction of gaseous HCl with sodium azide at 25° for 24 hr.

Both  $FP(S)Cl_2$  and  $F_2P(S)Cl$  are prepared in relatively high yields by modifying the method for  $PSF_3$ .<sup>6</sup> Fluorination of  $SPCl_3$  with NaF at 160° for 0.5 hr. with sulfolane as solvent gives average yields of 37, 50 and 20% for the mono-, di-, and trifluoride, respectively. These products are easily separated with traps at -91, -120, and -183°. Purity was checked by comparison with published infrared spectra.<sup>7</sup>

Caution. Although we experienced minimal difficulties in handling these azides, they should be treated as potentially hazardous materials and prepared in less than 10 mmol amounts (much less than this for  $PF_2N_3$ ).

#### General Preparative Procedure for F(III) and P(V) Azides.

Essentially the same method can be employed in the preparation of all of the new azides, although the success of the reaction seems to depend largely upon the presence of and type of solvent. In general, the

appropriate P(III) or P(V) compound is condensed onto sodium azide which has been carefully dried after recrystallization.

a) Azidodifluorophosphine,  $F_2PN_3$ .--Difluorochlorophosphine (5 mmol), condensed onto sodium azide (1g) in one ml of toluene and allowed to react for two hrs at  $25^\circ$ , gives azidodifluorophosphine (4 mmol). The product is purified by trap-to-trap fractionation and is retained in a trap at  $-120^\circ$  after passing  $-75^\circ$ . (If no solvent is used, a very minor amount of  $F_2PN_3$  forms with the major products, phosphorus trifluoride and nitrogen. When  $CH_3CN$  is used as a solvent, reaction takes place immediately on warming to  $25^\circ$  and produces nitrogen and  $PF_3$  quantitatively. Despite the low thermal stability of  $F_2PN_3$ , in the synthesis involving toluene, the reaction mixture can remain at  $25^\circ$  for more than 24 hrs without a trace of decomposition.) Care must be taken to maintain anhydrous conditions, since the hydrolytic product,  $PF_3$ , can be separated from the  $F_2PN_3$  only with great difficulty. The experimentally determined molecular weight is 109.8 (111.0 theor.).

b) Difluorothiophosphoryl azide and fluorothiophosphoryl diazide,  $F_2P(S)N_3$  and  $FP(S)(N_3)_2$ . Difluorothiophosphoryl chloride or fluorothiophosphoryl dichloride (10 mmol) is condensed onto a sodium azide (1g)-acetonitrile (1 ml) slurry at  $-183^\circ$ . The reaction was complete on warming to  $25^\circ$  and after trap-to-trap purification either of the azides was obtained in greater than 80% yield. No reaction occurs without acetonitrile.  $F_2P(S)N_3$  passes a trap at  $-63^\circ$  and stops at  $-91^\circ$ .  $FP(S)(N_3)_2$  is stopped at  $-41^\circ$  after passing a trap at  $-23^\circ$ .  $F_2P(S)N_3$  has been well characterized after having been prepared from  $(F_2P(S))_2O + NaN_3$ .

c) Difluorophosphoryl azide,  $F_2P(O)N_3$ .--Difluorophosphoryl chloride

(10 mmol) is condensed onto dry, recrystallized sodium azide (1g), warmed to and allowed to remain at 25° for 24 hr. Yields of greater than 76% were isolated from the trap at -78° having passed a trap at -20°. Acetonitrile is not useful as a solvent in this case since it cannot be separated easily from the product. The molecular weight is 127.3 (127.0 theor.)

Anal. Calcd. for  $P_2P(O)N_3$ : P, 29.90; F, 24.40; N, 33.10. Found: F, 29.10; P, 23.80; N, 33.20.

Because of the possible hazardous nature of these compounds, vapor pressure data was obtained for only one compound,  $P_2P(O)N_3$ . Based on the following data  $P_{Torr}, {}^0K$ : 14.0, 256.7; 24.0, 265.2; 39.5, 273.2; 175.0, 290.7; 126.6, 293.5; 156.5, 298.2; 179.0, 301.5; 298.6, 304.0; 235.3, 307.0; 301.5, 312.5; 310.0, 313.2; 355.0, 316.0; 399.5, 310.0; 411.0, 319.5; 460.0, 321.8; 600.0, 329.0; 659.5, 331.3; 761.5, 335.2; 801.0, 336.2, the boiling point is 62°. From Clausius-Clapeyron equation,  $\Delta H_{vap} = 6.9$  kcal/mole and the Trouton' constant is 20.6 eu. The vapor pressure-temperature relationship is given by the equation  $\log P_{Torr} = 8.36 - (1902/T^0K)$ .

d) Fluorophosphoryl diazide,  $FP(O)(N_3)_2$ .--This compound may be prepared by either of two methods. 1) Difluorophosphoryl chloride (10 mmol) is condensed onto 1g of sodium azide which has been exposed to the atmosphere and thus contains hydrolysis products and allowed to remain at 25° for 24 hrs. Fluorophosphoryl diazide results in greater than 60% yield. 2) An excess of hydrazoic acid (4 mmol) is condensed with difluorophosphoryl azide (1 mmol) and held at 60° for one hr. 93% of the latter compound was consumed and a 46% yield of the diazide was obtained. In addition, an unidentified white solid coated the walls of the vessel. Infrared

spectra indicate the presence of bands attributable to N-H, N<sub>3</sub>, P=O, and P-F stretching frequencies. The fluorophosphoryl diazide is isolated in a trap at -30° after having passed a trap at -12°. Anal. Calcd. for FP(=O)(N<sub>3</sub>): F, 12.66; P, 20.66; N, 56.00. Found: F, 12.70; P, 20.80; N, 56.01.

Infrared, mass and nmr spectra of these azides are recorded in Tables 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

#### Results and Discussion

All of the new azides are colorless liquids at 25° and freeze to a glass when cooled. They are extremely sensitive to small amounts of water (e.g., moist air) and hydrolyze to yield hydrazoic, hydrofluoric and various phosphoric acids with the exception of F<sub>2</sub>PN<sub>3</sub> which gives N-oxo-bis(difluorophosphine) as the only phosphorus-containing product. The hydrolysis products were identified by comparing their infrared spectra with published data. The phosphorus(V) azides are thermally stable to at least 170° but, upon decomposition, the major products are phosphorus trifluoride, phosphoryl fluoride (or thionophosphoryl fluoride) and nitrogen.

Azidodifluorophosphine is unstable thermally and photolytically, and has on occasion exploded spontaneously at 25°. In all cases, the decomposition products are nitrogen, phosphorus trifluoride and various cyclic phosphonitrilic polymers of the type (P<sub>2</sub>PN)<sub>x</sub> (x ≤ 6). These polymers were separated by fractional codistillation and identified by comparison of their mass and infrared spectra with those reported in the literature.<sup>8-10</sup> Azidodifluorophosphine is explosively sensitive to sudden changes in pressure, e.g., expansion into a vacuum or a sudden surge when boiling.

TABLE I  
LITERATURE DATA,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

$\Sigma$ PX,	$\text{F}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{N}_3$	$\text{F}(\text{O})(\text{N}_3)_2$	$\text{F}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{N}_3$	$\text{FP}(\text{S})(\text{N}_3)_2$	
2140 s	2175 s	2195 vs	2195 vs	2175 vs	$\nu_{\text{v}_3}$
	1365 s	1330 vs			$\nu_{\text{p}-\text{v}}$
1260 s	1265 s	1270 vs, br	1280 s	1260 s	$\nu_{\text{v}_3}$
1230					
935 s	950 sh	910 s	955 vs	925 m	$\nu_{\text{p}-\text{F}}$
835 s, br	907 s, br		930 sh		$\nu_{\text{p}-\text{F}}^{\text{sym}}$
740 s	777 m	805 s	825 s	825 m	$\nu_{\text{p}-\text{v}}^{\text{asym}}$
		760 w		775 m	
613 w	600 m	610 m	660 vw		
		570 w	575 mw	605 vw	
	430 m	430 s	415 mw	480 vvw	
		418 sh			

TABLE 2. MASS SPECTRA

m/e	Species	Relative Abundance			
		$F_2PN_3$	$F_2P(O)N_3$	$F_2P(S)N_3$	$FP(O)(N_3)_2$
31	P	55.0	20	3.6	7.5
42	$N_2$	16.2	44	4.7	37.6
50	$PF$	55			36.9
63	PS			6.3	
64	$FPN$	51.7			
66	$FP(O)$		100		
69	$F_2P$	100	22	100	
77	SPN				100
80	$FP(O)N$				34.2
82	$FP(S)$			3.6	
83	$F_2PN$	75.7			
85	$F_2PO$		60		
92	$FPN_3$	66.7			17.1
99	$F_2P(O)N$		68		77.4
101	$F_2PS$			17.1	
108	$FP(O)N_3$		32		
111	$F_2PN_3$	27.9			
115	$F_2P(S)N$			2.7	43.9
122	$FP(O)N_4$			1.8	9.5
124	$FP(O)N_3$				
127	$F_2P(O)N_3$		79		2.1
131	$P(O)N_3)_2$				7.1
133	$P(S)N_5$				4.8
134	$FP(N_3)_2$				7.2
138	$FP(S)N_4$			89.1	
141	$FP(S)N_3$				100
150	$F_2P(O)(N_3)_2$				
166	$(FPN)_2$		1.8		57.1
	$FP(O)(N_3)_2$				

TABLE 3.

<sup>19</sup>F and <sup>31</sup>P NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTRA

Compound	<sup>19</sup> F (ppm)	<sup>31</sup> P (ppm)	J <sub>P-F</sub> (Hz)
F <sub>2</sub> PN <sub>3</sub>	57.5	-----	1280
F <sub>2</sub> P(O)N <sub>3</sub>	75.5	15.3 tr	1042
FP(O)N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	60.3	12.6 d	1020
F <sub>2</sub> P(S)N <sub>3</sub>	42.9 <sup>2</sup>	-56.3 tr	1140
FP(ε)N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	38.8	-65.6 d	1102

Fluorothiophosphoryl diazide has exploded at  $-183^{\circ}$  which may be due to transformation from a glass-like material to a crystalline substance at that temperature. However, traces of hydrazoic acid may have been responsible for the observed explosions.

The  $^{19}$ F and  $^{31}$ P nmr data are recorded in Table 3. The  $^{19}$ F spectra consist of simple doublets centered in the 39 to 74 ppm range with  $J_{P-F}$  varying between 1020 to 1140 Hz for P(V) azides and  $J_{P-F}$  is 1280 Hz for  $F-P\ddot{N}_3$ . The  $^{31}$ P spectra are well resolved triplets or doublets depending on the presence of two or one fluorine atom(s). It should be noted that for both  $^{19}$ F and  $^{31}$ P chemical shifts the diazides and thiophosphoryl compounds resonate at lower field than monoazides and phosphoryl compounds, respectively. Spin-spin coupling interactions also decrease with number of azide groups. This would suggest greater electron delocalization from the phosphorus and fluorine atoms into the d orbitals of sulfur or  $\pi$ -system of the azide moiety. No  $^{31}$ P nmr data are available for  $F\ddot{N}_3$  because, despite prerun checking for thermal stability, the compound detonated destroying the phosphorus probe.

The covalent nature of these azides is demonstrated by the occurrence of two bands in their ultraviolet spectra similar to those of typical alkyli azides.<sup>11, 12</sup> However, due to inductive effects of the fluorophosphoryl or fluorothiophosphoryl groups, there is a marked shift to higher energies. Our values agree well with those reported by Ruff<sup>13</sup> for  $FSO_2N_3$  (197, 161 nm) and  $CF_3SO_2N_3$  (195, 213 nm). These bands arise from  $\pi_v \rightarrow \pi_x^*$  and  $\pi_v \rightarrow \pi_y^*$  transitions with the latter occurring at higher energy. Both transitions involve charge transfer from electron pairs largely localized on the nitrogen atom bonded to the phosphorus into antibonding  $\pi$ -orbitals on the other two nitrogen atoms.<sup>11</sup>

Mass spectral data (Table 2) are particularly helpful in confirming the existence of these five new azides since all fragment at 70 eV to give a molecular ion with an intensity of at least 20% base, e.g.,  $F_2PN_3$ , 28%;  $F_2P(O)N_3$ , 70%;  $F_2P(S)N_3$ , 80%;  $FP(O)(N_3)_2$ , 100%, and  $FP(S)(N_3)_2$ , 57%. In the case of  $F_2PN_3$ , a fragment at m/e 1f6 is very likely attributable to  $(F_2PN)_2$  although this species is not observed when the parent compound is decomposed either thermally or photolytically. As would be expected, the heavier fragments are due primarily to loss of nitrogen or fluorine. Comparison of the fragmentation pattern for  $F_2P(S)N_3$  found in this work with that reported at 100 eV<sup>2</sup> shows very good agreement.

Some band assignments in the infrared spectra (Table 1) can be made. However, because of the disagreement in the literature regarding assignment of  $\nu_{P=S}$ , we have not attempted at this time to unequivocally make these assignments and work is continuing in this area.  $\nu_{P=N}$  should be regarded as entirely tentative.

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**Bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)disulfide, Chloro(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II) and Some Derivatives**

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Hexafluoroisopropylidenimino lithium reacts with disulfur dichloride to give bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)disulfide which undergoes two different types of reactions with chlorine to yield bis(2-chlorohexafluoroisopropylidene)disulfide and chloro(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II). The latter gives new sulfur(II) compounds with reagents that contain active hydrogen or with silver salts.  $(CF_3)_2C\equiv N\text{SCl}$  is readily converted to  $(CF_3)_2C\equiv N\text{SF}_2$  by fluorinating agents.

The lithium salt of hexafluoroisopropylidenine has been shown to react with compounds that contain triple linkages (Li, F) to introduce the hexafluoroisopropylidene unit intact.<sup>2-5</sup> The compounds formed are most often slightly volatile, yellow liquids or sublimable solids. In this work, advantage has been taken of the high reactivity of  $\text{LiN}\equiv\text{C}(CF_3)_2$  with disulfur dichloride to prepare bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)disulfide in good yield. The reactions of this disulfide are somewhat more complicated than those of the simpler, saturated fluorinated alkyl disulfides in that the former has three reactive sites. Just as thermal induced chlorination of  $CF_3\text{SSCF}_3$  leads to  $CF_3\text{SCl}$ , so heating chlorine with  $(CF_3)_2C\equiv N\text{S}_2$  gives  $(CF_3)_2C\equiv N\text{HSClA}$ . However, when

the latter mixture is photolyzed through quartz, elemental sulfur is formed accompanied by double bond shifts and chlorination to give bis-(2-chlorohexafluoroisopropylimino)sulfur(IV),  $(CF_3)_2CClN=S=NCi(CF_3)_2$ . Although Seel has fluorinated  $Cl_3SCl$  stepwise to  $CF_3SF$  with  $KF$  at  $150^\circ$  <sup>6</sup> or with  $HgF_2$  solely to  $CF_3SF$  and its dimer at  $130^\circ$ , <sup>7</sup> and  $CF_3SSCF_3$  is readily fluorinated to  $CF_3SF_3$  with  $AgF_2$ , <sup>8</sup> analogous reactions do not occur with  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  or  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  with fluorinating agents. Either no reaction occurs or fluorination with concomitant double bond shift takes place to give high yields of  $(CF_3)_2CFN=SF_2$ . <sup>9</sup>  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  reacts typically with compounds containing active hydrogen, e.g.,  $NH_3$ ,  $(CH_3)_2NH$  and  $CH_3SH$ , or with silver salts, e.g.,  $AgCN$ , to give the mono-substituted product in each case,  $R_fNH_2$ ,  $R_fN(CH_3)_2$ ,  $R_fSSCH_3$ , and  $R_fCN$  (where  $R_f = (CF_3)_2C=NS$ ).

#### Experimental Section

Reagents.--Hexafluoroacetone, phosphorus oxychloride, and n-butyl lithium in hexane were obtained from Allied Chemical, Wilshire Chemical and Alfa Inorganic Chemicals. Practical disulfur dichloride (Eastman Organic) was purified by distillation under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. The fraction boiling between  $123-125^\circ$  (690 Torr) was retained. Chlorine, silver cyanide and dimethylamine were received from J.T. Baker Co., Eastman Organic and Matheson Co.

General Methods.--Gases and volatile liquids were handled in a conventional Pyrex vacuum apparatus under high vacuum. Infrared spectra were run on a Perkin-Elmer 457 spectrometer with a Pyrex glass cell of 5 cm length equipped with potassium bromide windows. Fluorine 19 nmr spectra were obtained on a Varian HA-100 spectrometer operating at 94.1 mHz and proton

nmr spectra on a Varian A-60 spectrometer. Trichlorofluoromethane and tetramethylsilane were used as internal references. A Hitachi Perkin-Elmer RMU-6E mass spectrometer operating at an ionization potential of 70 eV was used to obtain mass spectra. Molecular weights were determined by Regnault's method in a vessel fitted with a Fischer-Porter Teflon stopcock after measuring pressures on a McIese-Bourdon tube gauge. For vapor pressure measurements, a Keillogg-Cady apparatus<sup>10</sup> was employed for compounds that react with mercury. Otherwise, an isotenisicopic method was employed.

Elemental analyses were performed by Beller Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium, Göttingen, Germany. Samples which were analyzed in house were fused with sodium. Chlorine and sulfur were determined gravimetrically as silver chloride and barium sulfate, and fluorine as fluoride ion with a specific ion electrode. Infrared and nmr spectral data as well as thermodynamic and elemental analyses data are given in Tables I-III.

Bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)disulfide,  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$ . In an inert atmosphere box, 6 ml of 2.34 molar (14 mmol) n-butyl lithium in hexane was transferred by syringe to a 100 ml Pyrex bulb fitted with a Teflon stopcock. Then, 1.31 g (14 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$  was condensed into the bulb at -196° and the vessel was allowed to warm slowly in a dewar from -196° to 25° over a period of 8 hr. The hexane was removed under dynamic vacuum. 0.61 g (4.6 mmol) of  $S_2Cl_2$  and 1.96 g (24 mmol) of 2-methylbutane were condensed onto the  $(CF_3)_2C=NLi$  in the vessel at -196°. The vessel was again allowed to warm slowly to 25° (8 hr.). The  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  was removed from the vessel at 25° under dynamic vacuum and collected in a U-trap at -20°. Traces of unreacted  $S_2Cl_2$  were

TABLE I  
INFRARED SPECTRA

$\{(CF_3)_2C=NS\}_2$	$(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$	$(CF_3)_2C=NSi(CH_3)_2$	$\{(CF_3)_2C=NS(N=)S\}_2$
1630 w	1630 m	2980 w	1335 w
1335 s	1330 s	2960 m	1305 m
1260 s	1270 vs	1605 w	1275 sh
1240 sh	1195 vs	1450 w	1250 vs
1200 s	980 s	1380 w	1205 s
980 s	905 s	1347 w	1185 sh
730 s	750 m	1255 s	985 m
715 m	715 s	1190 s	760 s
560 w	560 w	980 m	940 sh
490 m	490 m	725 m	915 m
455 w	680 w	680 w	750 m
			720 m

$(CF_3)_2C=NSNH_2$	$(CF_3)_2C=NSC\equiv N$	$(CF_3)_2C=NSCl_3$
2460 x	1640 w	2950 w
1615 w	1335 m	1610 w
1340 s	1265 s	1440 w
1260 s	1205 s	1420 w
1195 s	990 m	1335 s
982 s	745 m	1250 s
715 s	730 sh	1190 s
490 s		990 w
		955 sh
		735 s
		710 d, w

TABLE II  
 $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR SPECTRA

Compound	$^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (ppm)		$^1\text{H}$ NMR (ppm) (v)
$\{(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NS}\}_2$	67.7		---
$\{(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}(\text{Cl})\text{N}\}_2\text{S}$	74.1		---
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NSCl}$	60.8	68.4	---
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NSN}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	65.4	67.1	7.3
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NSNH}_2$	68.6		6.7
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NSC}\equiv\text{N}$	63.1		---
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NSSCH}_3$	74.3		7.4
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NSCH}_3$	69.3		---

TABLE III. ELEMENTAL ANALYSES AND THERMODYNAMIC DATA

Compound	H <sub>2</sub>	S	C	Elemental Analyses		N	C1	BP °C	$\Delta H_v$ kcal/mole	$\Delta S_v$ eu	log P <sub>Torr</sub> - A - 377
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	16.32 (16.32)*	18.65 (18.35)		H (58.3)	F (7.15)			144.4	11.0	26.4	8.66
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C(=N) <sub>2</sub> S	7.39 (7.43)	18.1 (16.7)				52.4 (52.8)	6.30 (6.50)	164.4 (16.47)	131.5	10.4	25.7
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=S <sub>2</sub>	230.9 (231.5)	13.69 (13.85)	15.48 (15.60)			50.9 (49.3)	6.12 (6.06)	15.08 (15.31)	95.4	9.0	24.3
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=NSN(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	238.8 (240.2)	13.48 (13.34)	24.68 (25.00)	2.70 (2.52)		47.50 (47.46)	11.80 (11.66)		109.7	9.5	24.7
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=NSNH <sub>2</sub>	210.0 (212.1)	15.23 (15.12)	17.05 (16.98)	1.20 (0.94)		53.90 (53.75)	13.20 (13.20)			114.5	9.0
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=NSCN	222.8 (222.1)	14.32 (14.43)				50.20 (51.30)				81.0 (321 Torr)	
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=NSSSCH <sub>3</sub>	242.0 (243.2)	26.35 (26.37)	19.51 (19.76)	1.12 (1.23)		46.62 (46.88)		5.72 (5.76)			
(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=NSCH <sub>3</sub>				22.80 (22.75)	1.50 (1.42)	54.4 (54.0)		6.57 (6.63)			

(\*)\* Calculated

removed by shaking with mercury for 0.5 hr. Final purification of  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  was effected by gas chromatography using a 22 ft column containing 5% SF-1265 on Chromosorb P. A yield of 4.1 mmol (89%) was obtained.

Bis(2-chlorohexafluoroisopropylideneimino)sulfur(IV),  $(CF_3)_2CClN=S=NCCl(CF_3)_2$ . A quartz vessel (220 ml) which contained 1.89 g (4.8 mmol) of  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  and 0.507 g (7.2 mmol) of chlorine was irradiated for 48 hr with a Model 30620 Hanovia ultraviolet lamp. The product was isolated in a U-trap at -20° during trap-to-trap distillation and purified by gas chromatography using a 22 ft 5% SF-1265 on Chromosorb P column. A yield of 72% (3.5 mmol) was obtained.  $[(CF_3)_2CClN=]_2S$  is also produced when  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  is photolyzed.

Chloro(hexafluoroisopropylideneimino)sulfur(II),  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$ . By standard vacuum methods, 2.71 g (6.9 mmol) of  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  and 0.735 g (10.5 mmol) of chlorine were condensed into a 100 ml Pyrex bulb fitted with a Teflon stopcock and heated to 110° for 12 hr in an oil bath. During trap-to-trap distillation the compound stopped in a U-trap at -78°. After gas chromatography using a 1.5 ft 20% Kel-F on Chromosorb P column, 13.0 mmol (94%) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  was isolated.  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  is also produced when the two reactants are photolyzed at 2537 Å in a Rayonet "Srinivasan-Griffin" photochemical reactor. The yield is much lower and there are numerous other products.

Dimethylamino(hexafluoroisopropylideneimino)sulfur(II),  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN(CH_3)_2$ . A 100 ml Pyrex bulb containing 0.67 g (2.90 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  and 0.32 g (7.3 mmol) of  $(CH_3)_2NH$  was allowed to stand at 25° for 12 hr. A

U-trap at -78° retained the compound on trap-to-trap distillation. A yield of 96% (2.8 mmol) was obtained after gas chromatography employing a 1.5 ft 20% Kel-F on a Chromosorb P column.

Amino(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II),  $(CF_3)_2C=NSNH_2$ . Starting materials, 0.288 g (1.24 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  and 0.052 g (3.10 mmol) of  $NH_3$ , were condensed into a 50 ml Pyrex vessel fitted with a Teflon stopcock at -196° and allowed to react at -20° for 1.5 hr. The  $(CF_3)_2C=NSNH_2$  stopped in a U-trap cooled to -78° during trap-to-trap distillation and was purified by gas chromatography using a 1.5 ft 20% Kel-F on Chromosorb P column. A yield of 0.162 g (0.77 mmol) of product was isolated (62%).

Cyano(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II),  $(CF_3)_2C=NSC\equiv N$ . Using standard vacuum techniques, 0.37 g (1.60 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  was condensed onto excess AgCN, which had been dried at 75° under dynamic vacuum, and was allowed to react for 6 hr. The compound was gas chromatographed using a 1.5 ft 20% Kel-F on Chromosorb P column, after being isolated in a U-trap at -78° during trap-to-trap distillation. 0.18 g (0.81 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSC\equiv N$  was isolated (50.5%). Decomposition occurs at 82°.

Bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfur(II),  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S$ . Photolysis of 0.390 g (1.0 mmol) of  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  contained in a 220 ml quartz vessel for eight hr gave 0.320 g (0.9 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN=C(CF_3)_2$  (90%) and a yellow solid (sulfur). The Hanovia lamp (Model 30620) was used. The compound was identified from its infrared spectrum.<sup>3</sup>

Methyl(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)disulfide,  $(CF_3)_2C=NSSC_2H_5$ . 0.46 g of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  (2 mmol) and 0.096 g of  $CH_3SH$  (2 mmol) were condensed into a 100 ml Pyrex vessel at -196° and the mixture was allowed to stand at -78° for 6 hr. After gas chromatographic purification with a 5.5 ft

column of 8% SE-30 on Chromosorb P, 0.22 g (0.9 mmol) of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCH_3$  was obtained (45%). Small amounts of the monosulfide,  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCH_3$ , were isolated, also (~10% yield).

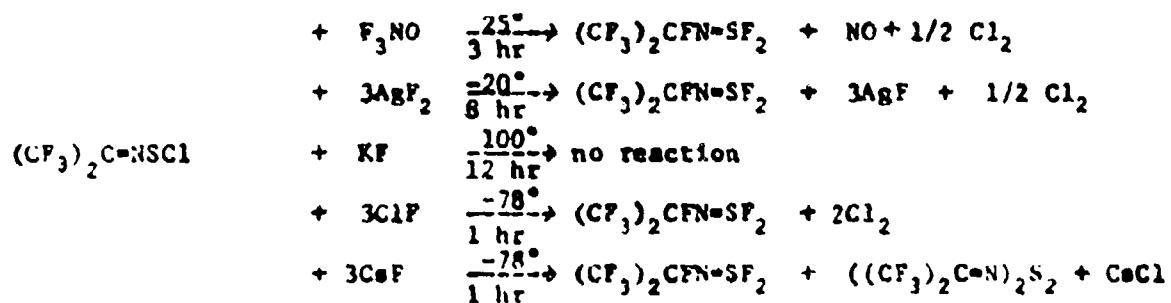
### Results and Discussion

Disulfur dichloride reacts readily with hexafluoroisopropylidenimino-lithium to form  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  in high yield. The use of a solvent ( $\beta$ -methylbutane) greatly increases the yield from 48% in a neat reaction to 89%. The disulfur dichloride was distilled under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen to remove any sulfur dichloride which would react with  $LiN=C(F_3)_2$  to form  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S^2$  which is difficult to separate from the disulfide. The latter undergoes reaction with chlorine in at least two different ways depending upon the conditions used. Photolysis of a mixture of the two materials in a quartz vessel with a Hanovia lamp (Model 30620) leads to the addition of a mole of chlorine per mole of disulfide and a double bond shift giving rise to a sulfur diimide,  $((CF_3)_2CCN=)_2S$ . However, if the mixture of disulfide and chlorine is irradiated at 2537 Å through quartz using a Srinivasan-Griffin photochemical reactor, the sulfur-sulfur bond is severed and the reactive new sulfenyl compound,  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  is formed. However, because of fewer side reactions and higher yield,  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  is better produced by heating the two reactants at 100° for 12 hours.

Compounds which contain active hydrogen, such as dimethylamine and ammonia, or silver pseudohalides,  $AgCN$ , easily react to break the S-Cl bond to form other substituted sulfenyl compounds, e.g., sulfenyl amines,  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN(CH_3)_2$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=NSNH_2$ , or sulfenyl cyanide,  $(CF_3)_2C=NSNC\equiv N$ . In the reaction of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  with dimethylamine or ammonia, hydrogen chloride is a product which must be consumed by excess base to preclude

addition to the carbon-nitrogen double bond. The eight new compounds are all easily hydrolyzable liquids with vapor pressures less than 25 Torr at 25° and, with the exception of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN(CH_3)_2$ , are all yellow.

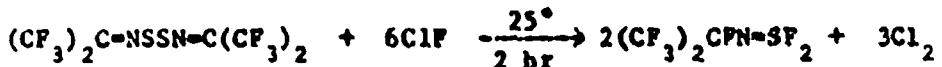
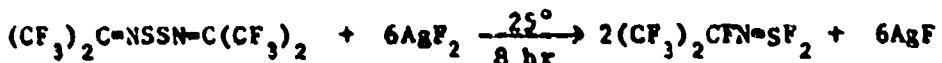
The chemistry of  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  is analogous to that of some simpler perfluorinated disulfides and sulfenyl chlorides, e.g.,  $CF_3SSCF_3$  and  $CF_3SCl$ . However, there are three points of difference. No reaction was found to occur between  $((CF_3)_2C=N)_2S_2$  and Hg when they were photolyzed or thermolyzed whereas the photolysis of  $CF_3SSCF_3$  with Hg forms  $(OS_2S)_2Hg$ .<sup>11</sup> Unlike with  $CF_3SCl$ , it is impossible to simply fluorinate the sulfenyl chloride to a sulfenyl fluoride. Instead, the perfluoroisopropylsulfur difluoride imine,  $(CF_3)_2CFN=SF_2$ ,<sup>8</sup> results in every case when fluorination occurs. Isolation of perfluoroisopropylideniminosulfur trifluoride has proved impossible. It is likely that the latter does form but spontaneously undergoes fluoride ion migration from sulfur to carbon with a double bond shift from C=N to N=S. The following equations show the fluorinations that were tried in attempts to prepare the sulfur trifluoride.



In the latter reaction, the CsF was activated by forming an adduct with hexafluoroacetone in acetonitrile and decomposing the adduct at 200° under dynamic vacuum. It is likely that  $(CF_3)_2C=NSF$  forms but disproportionates

to give  $(CF_3)_2C=N$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=NSF_3$ , which subsequently rearranges to  $(CF_3)_2CFN=SF_2$ .

The disulfide also reacts with fluorinating agents as shown in the following



Correlation of the  $^{19}F$  nmr chemical shifts or of the infrared stretching frequencies of the C=N moiety with the substituent group attached to the  $(CF_3)_2C=NS$  group can not be made based on first order effects, such as electronegativity. However, a similar lack of apparent order is observed for compounds containing the  $CF_3S$  moiety, e.g.,  $CF_3SCl$ ,  $CF_3SNH_2$ , etc.

It is interesting to note that in the case of  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN(CH_3)_2$ , the trifluoromethyl groups are magnetically nonequivalent giving rise to two  $^{19}F$  nmr resonances in the  $CF_3$  region for each compound. Apparently the other new compounds do not behave similarly because the temperature (about  $30^\circ$ ) at which the nmr spectra are determined is above that of coalescence, where the  $CF_3$  groups become magnetically equivalent. An ongoing study involves the determination of coalescence temperatures and inversion energies. Ruff <sup>12</sup> reported that the  $CF_3$  groups in  $(CF_3)_2C=NP$  are magnetically nonequivalent and that the  $CF_3$  group trans to the imine fluorine is shifted to lower field. Based on this, the resonance bands at 60.8 ppm and 65.4 ppm in  $(CF_3)_2C=NSCl$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN(CH_3)_2$  are assigned to the  $CF_3$  group trans to Cl and  $N(CH_3)_2$ .

respectively. No fluorine-hydrogen coupling is found and the proton nmr spectra are typical of the functional groups involved.

The infrared spectra of these compounds are reasonably simple, with C=N stretching frequencies being lowered only by 35  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (1640 to 1605  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) when the substituent is changed from dimethylamino to cyano. The C=N stretching frequency for the  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{N}\text{SCl}$  and  $((\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{N})_2\text{S}_2$  are the same (1630  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) which illustrates the insensitivity of the bond to substituents on the sulfur. The mass spectra are helpful in confirming the syntheses of these new compounds since, with the exception of  $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}(\text{Cl})\text{N}]_2\text{S}$  where  $(\text{M-Cl})^+$  is the highest  $m/e$ , all spectra show rather intense molecule ion peaks.

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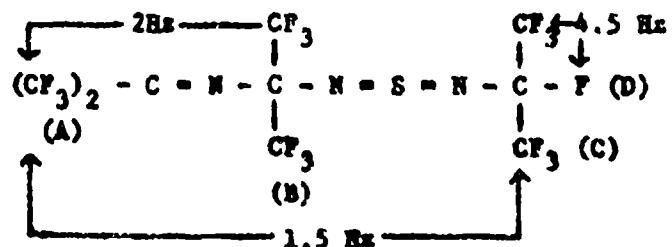
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## THROUGH-SPACE COUPLING IN A NEW SULFUR DIIMIDE

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Recently (1) we reported the isolation of a new sulfur diimide,  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2N=S=NC(CF_3)_2F$  obtained in 2% yield from the interaction of  $SF_4$  with  $LiN=CF_3)_2$  at  $25^\circ$ . In the  $^{19}F$  nmr spectrum, coupling between terminal  $CF_3$  groups is observed while the internal  $CF_3$  groups couple to only the imine  $CF_3$  groups. At  $35^\circ$ , four resonances are observed at 67.6, 73.6, 80.0 and 142 $\delta$ . Based on the structural analogues listed in the Table, these resonances are assigned as follows:



67.6 $\delta$	73.6 $\delta$	80 $\delta$	142 $\delta$
Broad	Heptet	Complex	Heptet
A	B	C	D

TABLE

<sup>19</sup>F NMR ( $\delta$ ) OF STRUCTURAL ANALOGUES SHOWING CHARACTERISTIC  
RESONANCE REGIONS FOR CF<sub>3</sub> GROUPS<sup>a</sup>

	A	B	C
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2C=N}}_2\underline{\underline{C}}(CF_3)_2^3$ <sup>b</sup>	69.1 broad	75.4	
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2C=NC}}(CF_3)_2\underline{\underline{N=H=HC}}(CF_3)_2\underline{\underline{N=C}}(CF_3)_2^3$	66.5 broad	73.5	
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2C=NC}}(CF_3)_2\underline{\underline{N=S=O}}^4$	65.5 broad	72.0	
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2S=NC}}(CF_3)_2\underline{\underline{N=C}}(CF_3)_2^3$	63.8 broad	73.1	88
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFNH_2}}^5$		82.8 <sub>J</sub> <sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-F</sub>	4.4
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFN=SF_2}}^5$		82.7 <sub>J</sub> <sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-F</sub>	4.4
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFN=CO}}^4$		81.5	
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFN=SO}}^3$		81.2 <sub>J</sub> <sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-F</sub>	4.6
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFN=SCl_2}}^5$		80.1 <sub>J</sub> <sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-F</sub>	5.3
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFN=S-NCF}}(CF_3)_2^3$		79.6 <sub>J</sub> <sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-F</sub>	4.5
$\underline{\underline{(CF_3)_2CFN=SFCF_3}}^3$		81.5 <sub>J</sub> <sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-F</sub>	4.3

a Only resonances (and their assignments) similar to those occurring in the diimide are included

b Number of underscores correlates with type of CF<sub>3</sub> group  
  , A;   , B;   , C;

Spin-spin decoupling of resonance A resolves the complex resonance C into a simple doublet arising from coupling with the adjacent F ( $J_{\text{F}-\text{CF}_3}$  = 4.5 Hz). Similarly the heptet B collapses to a single narrow resonance on decoupling resonance A. At  $35^{\circ}$  resonance A is structureless, broadened by coupling to the  $\text{CF}_3$  groups B and C and also by geometric inversion about C=N. Cooling to  $10^{\circ}$  results in increased broadening of the resonance, whereas further cooling to  $-40^{\circ}$  or heating to  $80^{\circ}$  sharpens the resonance, but again no fine structure is observed. Magnetic non-equivalence through inversion about nitrogen of the  $\text{CF}_3$  groups in the hexafluoroisopropylidenimino moiety has been previously encountered (2,4). The heptet D is assigned to C-F which is split by the geminal  $\text{CF}_3$  groups ( $J_{\text{F}-\text{CF}_3}$  = 4.5 Hz).

Examination of molecular models reveals a highly sterically hindered system in which no configuration appears to be free from unfavorable interaction with neighboring  $\text{CF}_3$  groups or lone electron pairs. In order for the observed interaction to occur between  $\text{CF}_3$ (A) and  $\text{CF}_3$ (C), it is necessary to postulate a pseudo-cyclic configuration bringing the groups to within at least 2.5 Å of each other (6-8). Although several configurations are possible, skeletal flexibility and the existence of several geometric isomers makes assignment of a most likely configuration difficult. Since the terminal  $\text{CF}_3$  groups are separated by ten sigma bonds and no splitting of F(D) by  $\text{CF}_3$ (A) is observed, it seems likely that through-space coupling is the dominant mechanism with little or no through-bond contribution. Furthermore, if through-bond coupling was significant it seems reasonable to postulate that  $\text{CF}_3$ (B) which is closer to  $\text{CF}_3$ (C) by

two sigma bonds would add to the complexity of the resonances observed for C and D. The theoretical spectrum for  $\text{CF}_3(\text{C})$ , using the observed coupling constants of 4.5 Hz and 1.5 Hz to produce an overlapping doublet of heptets, is in excellent agreement with the experimentally obtained spectrum. Whether the coupling of  $\text{CF}_3(\text{A})$  and  $\text{CF}_3(\text{B})$  is through-bond or through-space can not be inferred.

#### Experimental

Fluorine 19 nmr spectra were obtained with a Varian HA-100 spectrometer by using trichlorofluoromethane as an internal standard.

$\text{SF}_4$  (3 mmol) was condensed onto  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (9) (12 mmol) at  $-196^{\circ}$  and warmed slowly to  $25^{\circ}$ . After 12 hr, the reaction products were separated by low temperature distillation.  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN}=\text{S}=\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  was obtained in 2% yield after gas chromatographic purification of the fraction trapped at  $-10^{\circ}$  by using a 5' SE-30 column heated to  $50^{\circ}$ .

The infrared spectrum is as follows: 1732 w, 1318 s, 1260 vs, 1218 vs, 1190 sh, 1095 m, 1075 w, 1012 m, 992 s, 970 sh, 942 w, 740 m, 720 sh,  $685 \text{ w cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $\text{M}-\text{F}^+$  (1);  $\text{M}-\text{CF}_3^+$  (5);  $\text{M}-\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{N}^+$  (25);  $\text{C}_5\text{F}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$  (5);  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_{12}\text{N}^+$  (27);  $\text{C}_5\text{F}_9\text{N}_3\text{S}^+$  (6);  $\text{C}_4\text{F}_9\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$  (5);  $\text{C}_5\text{F}_{10}\text{N}^+$  (12);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{NS}^+$  (7);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{NS}^+$  (24);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{N}^+$  (5);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4\text{NS}^+$  (13);  $\text{CF}_4\text{NS}^+$  (6);  $\text{CF}_3\text{S}^+$  (5);  $\text{CF}_3^+$  (100),  $\text{SN}^+$  (57).

Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{F}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : C, 19.95; F, 66.50; N, 7.74; S, 5.82; Found, C, 20.05; F, 66.4; N, 7.81; S, 5.96.

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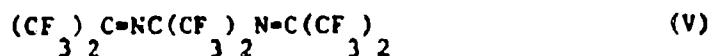
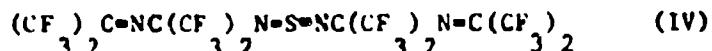
Some Extensively Rearranged Derivatives of Sulfur Tetrafluoride, Trifluoromethylsulfur Trifluoride and Bis(trifluoromethyl)sulfur Difluoride from Hexafluoroisopropylideniminolithium Reactions

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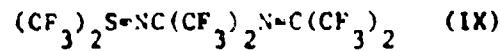
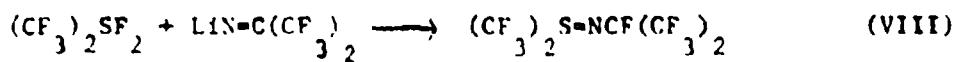
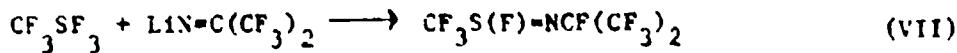
**Abstract.**--Isolation of six extensively rearranged products (I-VI) from reactions of sulfur tetrafluoride with hexafluoroisopropylideniminolithium demonstrates that simple, metathetical reactions do not occur. A possible mechanism is proposed. Similar rearranged products (VII-IX) form from the lithium salt with  $\text{CF}_3\text{SF}_2$  and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SF}_2$ . Long range coupling of nuclei separated by 10  $\sigma$  bonds<sup>3</sup> is observed in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum of (III).

Reaction of sulfur tetrafluoride and hexafluoroisopropylideniminolithium does not follow the previously predictable metathesis reactions observed with inorganic chlorides and fluorides.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Instead, the generation of  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN}=\text{SF}_2$  (I) in situ by the action of  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  on  $\text{SF}_4$  results in the formation of five new compounds each of which arises directly or indirectly from attack of the lithium salt on the sulfur difluoride imide. Thus



Isolation of each of the new products and subsequent reaction with the lithium salt indicates that each of the products results from a series of irreversible

steps from reaction with a less highly substituted member. Similarly, reactions of  $\text{CF}_3\text{SF}_3$  and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SF}_2$  with  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  indicate that stepwise substitution and product rearrangement occurs, producing analogues to compounds formed from reaction with  $\text{SF}_4$ .



#### EXPERIMENTAL.

Materials.-- $\text{SF}_4$  (K and K Laboratories, Inc.) and  $\text{AgF}_2$  (Ozark-Mahoning Co.) were used without further purification.  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NH}$  was prepared according to the literature method<sup>5</sup> and dried over  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_{10}$ . n-Butyl lithium in hexane (Alfa Inorganics) was transferred into small glass bottles in an inert atmosphere box for ease in handling but otherwise was used as purchased.

$\text{CF}_3\text{SF}_3$ <sup>6</sup> and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SF}_2$ <sup>7</sup> were prepared by literature methods.

General Procedures.--Gases and volatile liquids were handled in a conventional Pyrex vacuum apparatus equipped with a Heise Bourdon-tube gauge. Volatile starting materials and purified products were measured quantitatively by PVT techniques. Reactants and products of lower volatility were weighed. For gas chromatographic separations, the columns were constructed of 0.25 in copper tubing packed with 8% SE-30 (Loenco) on Chromosorb W or 20% Kel-F oil (3M Co.) on Chromosorb P. In most cases, fractional condensation was used to effect crude separation prior to gas chromatography. Vapor pressure studies were carried out by using the method of Kellogg and Cady<sup>8</sup> or by an isotachoscopic method.

Infrared spectra of volatile products were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 437 spectrometer by using a 5 cm. gas cell equipped with KBr windows.

Nonvolatile liquids were run neat between NaCl discs. Fluorine 19 nm spectra were obtained with a Varian HA-100 spectrometer by using trichlorofluoromethane as an internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer Hitachi RMU-6E mass spectrometer at an ionization potential of 70 eV. Elemental analyses were performed by Heller Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium, Göttingen, Germany.

### 1. Reactions of $SF_4$ and Derivatives

Preparation of  $(CF_3)_2CFN=SF_2$  (I). --Sulfur tetrafluoride (4 mmol) was condensed onto  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (12 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 41 hr, the volatile products were separated by gas chromatography by using a 5' SE-30 column heated to  $30^\circ$  and (I) was obtained in 22% yield. Other products isolated were (II) (6%) and small amounts of (III), (IV), and (V). Physical and spectral data for (I) have been reported previously.<sup>9</sup>

Reaction of (I) and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$ . -- $(CF_3)_2CFN=SF_2$  (2.64 mmol) was condensed onto  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (12 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed rapidly to  $25^\circ$ . After 20 hr, the volatile compounds were separated by trap-to-trap distillation and further purified by gas chromatography by using a 5' SE-30 column heated to  $60^\circ$ . Major products identified were (V) (52%), (VI) (24%), (IV) (9.5%),  $(CF_3)_2C=NSN=C(CF_3)_2$ <sup>2,3</sup> (1.1%) and  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$  (0.1 mmol).

Preparation of  $(CF_3)_2CFN=S-NCF(CF_3)_2$  (II). -- $[(CF_3)_2C=N]_2S$  (22 mmol) was distilled into a 75 ml stainless steel Moke bomb which contained  $AgF_2$  (3 g) at  $-196^\circ$  and allowed to warm to  $25^\circ$ . After standing at  $25^\circ$  for 2.75 hr,  $(CF_3)_2CFN=S-NCF(CF_3)_2$  (II) was obtained in almost quantitative yield. Bis(heptafluoroisopropyl)sulfur diimide is a colorless liquid

with a boiling point of 106.8° obtained from the equation  $\log P_{\text{torr}} = 8.17 - 2013/T$ . Vapor pressure data are as follows (T, °K; P, Torr): 326, 100; 342.7, 200; 348.2, 250; 353, 300; 361.2, 400; 367.5, 500; 371.5, 550; 373.0, 600; 375.5, 650; 377.7, 702. The molar heat of vaporization is 9.2 kcal and the Trouton constant is 24.3 e.u.

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum shows a broadened complex resonance at 145.30 assigned to the equivalent isopropyl fluorines and a doublet ( $\delta_{\text{CF}_3\text{F}} = 4.5$  Hz) at 79.6  $\delta$  for the  $\text{CF}_3$  groups. The infrared spectrum measured at 4 Torr is as follows: 1287 vs, 1263 vs, 1227 s, 1195 m, 1130 m, 1092 m, 1030 s, 995 s, 958 w, 740 sh, 732 s, 540 w,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $\text{M}^+$  (1);  $\text{M-F}^+$  (5);  $\text{M-F}_2^+$  (5);  $\text{M-F}_3^+$  (1);  $\text{M-CF}_3^+$  (22);  $\text{C}_5\text{F}_9\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$  (2);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{NS}^+$  (25);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_5\text{NS}^+$  (4);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4\text{NS}^+$  (25);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{N}^+$  (4);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4^+$  (11);  $\text{CF}_3^+$  (100);  $\text{SN}^+$  (27).

Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{F}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ : C, 18.19; F, 66.80; N, 7.04; S, 8.05; Found: C, 18.30; F, 66.6; N, 7.02; S, 8.09.

$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN-S-NCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  is obtained in 6% yield when  $\text{SF}_4$  (4 mmol) is reacted with  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C-NLi}$  (11.5 mmol).

Reaction of (II) and  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ .  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN-S-NCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (1 mmol) was condensed onto  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (6.9 mmol) at -196° and warmed slowly to 25°. After 20 hr, the volatile materials were removed and identified by gas chromatographic retention times, infrared and  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectra to be primarily (IV) and (V),  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C-NH}$  and some (III). No (I) or (VI) was observed.

Preparation of  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN-S-NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (III).  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN-S-NCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (1 mmol) was condensed onto  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (12 mmol) at -196° and warmed slowly to 25°.

After 12.25 hr, the reaction products were separated by low temperature distillation.  $(CF_3)_2CFN=S=NC(CF_3)_2$  was obtained in 2% yield after gas chromatographic purification of the fraction trapped at  $-10^\circ$  by using a 5' SE-30 column heated to  $50^\circ$ . Other compounds isolated were (I), (II), (V) and (VI).

The infrared spectrum is as follows: 1732 w, 1318 s, 1260 vs, 1218 vs, 1190 sh, 1095 m, 1075 w, 1012 m, 992 s, 970 sh, 942 w, 740 m, 720 sh,  $685 w\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $M-F^+$  (1);  $M-CF_3^+$  (5);  $M - C_3F_6N^+$  (25);  $C_5F_{11}N_2S^+$  (5);  $C_6F_{12}N^+$  (27);  $C_5F_9N_3S^+$  (6);  $C_4F_9N_2S^+$  (5);  $C_5F_{10}N^+$  (12);  $C_3F_7NS^+$  (7);  $C_3F_6NS^+$  (24);  $C_3F_6N^+$  (5);  $C_2F_4NS^+$  (13);  $CF_4NS^+$  (6);  $CF_3S^+$  (5);  $CF_3^+$  (100),  $SN^+$  (57).

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_9F_{19}N_3S$ : C, 19.95; F, 66.50; N, 7.74; S, 5.82; Found, C, 20.05; F, 66.4; N, 7.81; S, 5.96.

Reaction of (III) and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  --  $(CF_3)_2CFN=S=NC(CF_3)_2$  (0.3 mmol)  
was condensed onto  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (2.4 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 10 hr, the volatile compounds were removed and identified by their infrared spectra as (V) (0.27 mmol),  $(CF_3)_2C-NH$  (trace) and (IV) (trace). No (I), (II) or (VI) was observed.

Preparation of  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2$   $N=S=NC(CF_3)_2$   $N=C(CF_3)_2$  (IV).--After removal  
of the volatile compounds observed in the preparation of (III), the "dry" solid residue in the reaction vessel was heated at  $100^\circ$  under dynamic vacuum and a nonvolatile, bright yellow liquid was collected in a vessel fitted with a rubber septum to facilitate gas chromatographic separation. The liquid was injected onto a 5' SE-30 column heated to  $60^\circ$  and pure

$(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2N=S=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  was obtained in yields as high as 51%. Bis[2-(hexafluoroisopropylimino)hexafluoroisopropyl]sulfur diimide is hydrolytically stable with a boiling point of 197° at 200 Torr.

The  $^{19}F$  nmr shows a broad singlet at 66.50 which is further broadened as the temperature is lowered to 10°. At 70° this becomes a sharp singlet. A second resonance at 73.50 is a sharp singlet of area equal to the first and is essentially unaffected by temperature changes. The infrared spectrum (liquid, NaCl discs) is as follows: 1735 m, 1320 vs, 1160-1235 vs, 1075 s, 1010 s, 985 s, 960 s, 938 m, 791 w, 768 w, 756 s, 740 s, 690 s  $cm^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions. (relative intensity):  $M - CF_3^+$  (1);  $M - C_3F_6N^+$  (9);  $M - C_6F_{12}N_2^+$  (4);  $C_3F_6NC_3F_6^+$  (100);  $C_5F_{10}N^+$  (15);  $C_5F_8N^+$  (4);  $C_4F_8N^+$  (6);  $C_3F_6NS^+$  (17);  $C_3F_5NS^+$  (2);  $C_3F_6N^+$  (2);  $CF_3S^+$  (7);  $C_3F_3N^+$  (9);  $CF_3^+$  (90);  $SN^+$  (9).

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{12}F_{24}N_4S$ : C, 20.90; F, 66.40; N, 8.14; S, 4.65; Found, C, 20.98; F, 65.2; N, 8.18; S, 4.55.

Reaction of (IV) and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  .-- $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2N=S=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$

(0.59 mmol) was injected into a vessel containing  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (3 mmol) which had been heated to 70° under dynamic vacuum to remove excess  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$ . The vessel was warmed slowly from -196° to 25°. After standing for 1.25 hr at 25°, the only volatile product obtained was (V) (0.58 mmol) identified by its infrared spectrum. Chlorine (0.9 mmol) was added to the reaction vessel and after three hours the only volatile product observed was  $(CF_3)_2C=NCl$  (0.9 mmol). No volatile sulfur-containing product was obtained.

Preparation of  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  (V).-- Sulfur tetrafluoride

(0.96 mmol) was condensed onto  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (2.4 mmol) at  $\sim 196^\circ$  and allowed to warm rapidly to  $25^\circ$ . After 0.3 hr the volatile products were removed and separated by gas chromatography by using a 5' SE-30 column at  $50^\circ$ . Pure  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  was obtained in 39% yield from the mixture containing (I), (II), (IV) and (VI). 2,2-[Bis(hexafluoroisopropylideneimino)] hexafluoropropane is a colorless liquid having a boiling point of  $109^\circ$  from the equation  $\log P_{\text{Torr}} = 7.76 - 1857/T$ . Vapor pressure data are as follows (T,  $^\circ\text{K}$ ; P, Torr): 314.5, 71; 321.5, 93; 327.5, 118; 335.5, 162; 344.7, 231; 351.5, 292; 358.3, 368; 363.0, 425; 368.3, 510; 375.0, 620. The molar heat of vaporization is 8.4 kcal. and the Trouton constant is 22.0 e.u.

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum shows a broad resonance at 68.10 assigned to the four terminal  $CF_3$  groups. Thirteen peaks centered at 75.40 are assigned to the  $CF_3$  groups on the center carbon atom ( $J_{CF_3-CF_3} = 6.2$  Hz). The peak area ratio is 2:1. The infrared spectrum (5 Torr) is as follows: 1715 m, 1320 vs, 1165 vs, 1245 vs, 1232 vs (sh), 1212 vs, 1190 m, 1090 w, 1050 m, 1000 s, 960 m, 760 w, 740 m, 722 m,  $690 \text{ m cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $M - F^+$  (1);  $M - CF_3^+$  (2);  $M - C_2F_5^+$  (1);  $C_3F_6NC_3F_6^+$  (18);  $C_2F_4NC_3F_6^+$  (7);  $C_2F_3NC_3F_6^+$  (1);  $CF_2NC_3F_6^+$  (2);  $CF_2NC_3F_6^+$  (5);  $C_3F_7^+$  (3);  $CF_2CN^+$  (2);  $CF_3^+$  (100);  $C_3N_2^+$  (1);  $CF_2^+$  (2).

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_9F_{18}N_2$ : C, 22.60; F, 71.51; N, 5.89; Found, C, 22.48; F, 71.4; N, 6.27.

Reaction of (V) and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  --  $[(CF_3)_2C=N]_2C(CF_3)_2$  (1.3 mmol) and

$LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (8 mmol) did not react after 8 hr at  $25^\circ$ .

Preparation of  $(CF_3)_2C=NS(-NH)N=C(CF_3)_2$  (VI). --  $(CF_3)_2C=NSF_2$  (2.64 mmol)

was condensed onto  $LiN-C(CF_3)_2$  (12 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed rapidly to  $25^\circ$ . After 20 hr, the products were separated by low temperature distillation and the contents of the warmest trap ( $-40^\circ$ ) further purified by gas chromatography using a 5' SE-30 column at  $60^\circ$ . Bis(hexafluoroisopropylidenimino)sulfurimine was obtained in 24% yield and is a colorless, readily sublimable, crystalline solid which melts at  $38.5^\circ$ .

The  $^{19}F$  nmr spectrum is a singlet at 80.30. The  $^1H$  nmr spectrum is a broad singlet at 6.67. The infrared spectrum is as follows: 3460 m, 1490 m, 1290 s, 1255 vs, 1240 vs, 1218 sh, 1185 s, 1020 w, 960 s, 815 w, 728 s, 710 s, 540 w  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $M - NH^+$  (1);  $M - F^+$  (2);  $C_6F_{12}N^+$  (2);  $M - CF_3^+$  (25);  $M - CF_4^+$  (1);  $M - C_3F_6^+$  (19);  $C_5F_9N^+$  (2);  $C_3F_6NSNH^+$  (5);  $C_3F_6NS^+$  (7);  $C_3F_5N_2S^+$  (2);  $C_3F_6N^+$  (3);  $C_2F_4NS^+$  (2);  $CF_3SNH^+$  (9);  $C_2F_3NH^+$  (30);  $CF_3^+$  (100);  $C_2FN^+$  (11);  $SNH^+$  (25);  $SN^+$  (35).

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_6HF_{12}N_3S$ : C, 19.20; H, 0.27; F, 60.79; N, 11.20; S, 8.54. Found, C, 18.96; H, 0.48; F, 60.9; N, 11.21; S, 8.37.

$[(CF_3)_2C=N]_2SNH$  is also obtained in much lower yields when  $SF_4$  and  $LiN-C(CF_3)_2$  react.

II. Reactions of  $CF_3SF_3$

Preparation of  $CF_3SF=NC(CF_3)_2$  (VII). --  $CF_3SF_3$  (7 mmol) was condensed

onto  $LiN-C(CF_3)_2$  (4.8 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 24 hr the products were separated by trap-to-trap distillation using baths at  $-13^\circ$ ,  $-78^\circ$  and  $-194^\circ$ . Unreacted  $CF_3SF_3$  and a small amount of  $CF_3SF$  (from hydrolysis of  $CF_3SF_3$ ) were recovered from the bath at  $-134^\circ$ . Pure

$\text{CF}_3\text{SFN}=\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  was obtained in 60% yield, after purification by gas chromatography of the product which stopped in the bath at  $-78^\circ$ , by using a 2.5' Kel-F column at  $30^\circ$ . A nonvolatile yellow liquid, which stopped at  $-48^\circ$  and subsequently slowly solidified at  $25^\circ$ , could not be purified by gas chromatography.

N-heptafluoroisopropyl-S-trifluoromethyl-monofluorosulfurimide is a colorless liquid with a boiling point of  $62.9^\circ$  obtained from the equation  $\log P_{\text{Torr}} = 7.84 - 1684/T$ . vapor pressure data are as follows (T,  $^\circ\text{K}$ ; P, Torr): 301, 200; 306.5, 250; 310.7, 300; 314.7, 350; 318.2, 400; 321, 450; 324, 500; 327, 550; 328.7, 600; 332.7, 693. The molar heat of vaporisation is 7.95 kcal and the Trouton constant is 23.6 e.u.

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum is discussed in a later section of the paper. The infrared spectrum is as follows: 1315 m, 1295 s, 1270 vs, 1255 vs, 1198 s, 1132 vs, 1094 s, 1018 m, 988 vs, 760 w, 722 m, 678 m, 542 w, 468 w,  $450 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $\text{M} - 2\text{F}^+$  (1);  $\text{M} - 3\text{F}^+$  (1);  $\text{M} - \text{CF}_3^+$  (12);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{NS}^+$  (2);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{NS}^+$  (11);  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_5\text{NS}^+$  (1);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4\text{NS}^+$  (12),  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_3\text{NS}$  (2);  $\text{CF}_4\text{S}^+$  (2);  $\text{CF}_3\text{S}^+$  (5);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4^+$  (3);  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_2\text{N}^+$  (2);  $\text{CF}_3^+$  (100);  $\text{SF}^+$  (8);  $\text{CF}_2^+$  (3);  $\text{NS}^+$  (13).

Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_4\text{F}_{11}\text{NS}$ : C, 15.84; F, 69.0; N, 4.62; S, 10.54; Found C, 15.94; F, 69.3; N, 4.66; S, 10.66.

### III. Reactions of $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SF}_2$

Preparation of  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{S}=\text{NCP}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (VIII).--  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{SF}_2$  (5 mmol) was condensed onto  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (7.2 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 18.5 hr the products were separated by trap-to-trap distillation using baths at  $-40^\circ$ ,  $-78^\circ$  and  $-184^\circ$ .  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{S}=\text{NCP}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  which stopped in

a bath at -40° was obtained pure in 71% yield after purification by gas chromatography using a 7' Kel-F column at 25°. Other products observed in the separation included small amounts of  $[(CF_3)_2C=N]_2$  and  $(CF_3)_2S=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  (IX).

N-heptafluoroisopropyl-S,S-bis(trifluoromethyl)-sulfurimide is a colorless liquid with a boiling point of 89.1° obtained from the equation,  $\log P_{\text{Torr}} = 7.40 - 1640/T$ . Vapor pressure data are as follows (T, °K; P, Torr): 314.2, 150; 321.7, 200; 328.0, 250; 333.2, 300; 337.7, 350; 342.2, 400; 345.5, 450; 349.7, 500; 352.0, 550; 355.0, 600; 357.7, 650; 359.7, 695. The molar heat of vaporization is 7.5 kcal. and the Trouton constant is 20.7 e.u.

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum contains resonances at 138, 81.2 and 64° in the ratio of 1:6:6, respectively. The resonance at 138°, assigned to the isopropyl fluorine, is an overlapping heptet of heptets from splitting by two  $CF_3$  groups on carbon ( $J_{F-CF_3C} = 4.7$  Hz) and two  $CF_3$  groups on sulfur ( $J_{F-CF_3S} = 1.6$  Hz). The resonance at 81.2° is assigned to the  $CF_3$  groups on carbon and is an overlapping doublet of heptets split by the isopropyl fluorine ( $J_{CF_3C-F} = 4.7$  Hz) and the remaining  $CF_3$  groups ( $J_{CF_3C-CF_3S} = 1.4$  Hz). At 64°, the  $CF_3$  groups on sulfur are split by the isopropyl fluorine ( $J_{CF_3S-F} = 1.6$  Hz) and the remaining two  $CF_3$  groups ( $J_{CF_3S-CF_3C} = 1.4$  Hz). The infrared spectrum is as follows: 1322 m, 1300 m, 1262 vs, 1212 s, 1138 vs, 1089 vs, 990 m, 760 w, 732 m, 700 w, and 455 m,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $M^+$  (17);  $M - F^+$  (10);  $M - CF_3^+$  (10);  $M - CF_4^+$  (18);  $M - CF_5^+$  (10);  $M - C_2F_6^+$  (10);  $C_3F_6NS^+$  (32);  $C_3F_5NS^+$  (7);  $C_2F_5^+$  (15);  $CF_3S^+$  (45);  $CF_2NS^+$  (5);  $CF_2S^+$  (8);  $CF_3^+$  (100);  $NS^+$  (11).

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_5F_{13}NS$ : C, 17.00; F, 69.9; N, 3.98; S, 9.08;  
 Found: C, 16.41; F, 70.0; N, 4.12; S, 8.69.

Preparation of  $(CF_3)_2S=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  (IX). --  $(CF_3)_2S=NC(CF_3)_2$

(1.35 mmol) was condensed onto  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  (4.0 mmoles) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 18 hr, the product which stopped in a bath at  $-30^\circ$  was purified by gas chromatography using a 5' SE-30 column heated to  $50^\circ$ . Pure  $(CF_3)_2S=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  was obtained in 82% yield.

2,4,4,6-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-2-thia-3,5-diaza-2,5-perfluoroheptadiene is a colorless liquid with an extrapolated boiling point of  $136.6^\circ$ . The equation  $\log P_{\text{Torr}} = 8.21 - 2183/T$  holds for temperatures below  $100^\circ$ . Above this temperature, the compound decomposes to  $CF_3SN=C(CF_3)_2$  and an unidentified solid. Vapor pressure data to  $100^\circ$  are as follows (T,  $^\circ\text{K}$ ; P, Torr): 330.0, 40; 341.2, 65; 348.0, 90; 354.0, 111; 360.0, 140; 365.0, 170; 369.0, 198; 373.0, 232. The molar heat of vaporization is 9.8 kcal. and the Trouton constant is 23.9 e.u.

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr shows single sharp resonances at 73.1 $\delta$ , and 62.7 $\delta$  and a broad resonance of 63.8 $\delta$ . Peaks are in the ratio 1:1:1. The resonance at 73.1 $\delta$  is assigned to the internal  $CF_3$  groups, the resonance at 62.7 $\delta$  assigned to the  $CF_3$  groups on sulfur, and the broadened resonance at 63.8 $\delta$  assigned to the  $CF_3$  groups adjacent to the imine moiety. The infrared spectrum is as follows: 1730 w, 1322 m, 1285 m, 1255 vs, 1232 s, 1218 s, 1168 m, 1128 s, 1085 s, 998 m, 970 w, 935 m, 754 w, 735 m, and 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $M - C_2F_6NS^+$  (15);  $C_4F_9NS^+$  (45);  $C_4F_8NS^+$  (22);  $C_4F_8N^+$  (15);  $C_3F_6NS^+$  (45);  $C_3F_5NS^+$  (15);  $C_2F_6N^+$  (22);  $C_2F_4NS^+$  (2);

$C_2F_3NS^+$  (6);  $C_2F_5^+$  (15);  $C_2F_2MS^+$  (9);  $CF_3S^+$  (47);  $CF_2NS^+$  (20);  $CF_2S^+$  (9);  $C_2F_2N^+$  (23);  $CF_3^+$  (100);  $CF_3^+$  (7);  $SF^+$  (12);  $CF_2^+$  (18).  $[M-C_2F_6^+ < 1]$

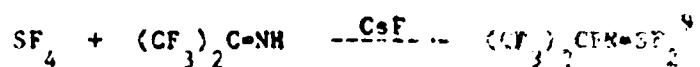
Anal. Calcd. for  $C_8F_{18}N_2S$ : C, 19.30; F, 68.6; N, 5.63; S, 6.43;  
Found: C, 19.65; F, 68.5; N, 6.08; S, 6.69.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Many examples of the preparation and reactions of the general class of compounds sulfur difluoride imides ( $R-N=SF_2$ ) and sulfur dimides ( $R-N=S-N-R$ ) have been reported recently,<sup>10-23</sup>(and references therein) and the chemistry of the former is covered in a review on sulfur-nitrogen-fluorine compounds.<sup>24</sup> The principal method for preparing  $R-N=SF_2$  compounds utilizes reactions of nitrogen-containing species with  $SF_4$  and the sulfur difluoride imide so formed may undergo further reaction to form sulfur dimides.

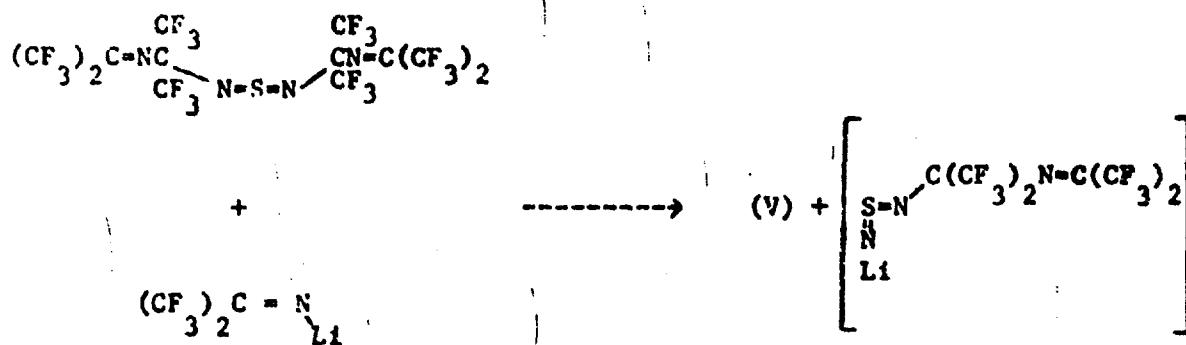
By reacting  $SF_4$  with the lithium salt of hexafluoroacetylpyridinium in varying stoichiometry six compounds in isolable yields are formed, including three new sulfur dimides which arise from the *in situ* generation of a sulfur difluoride imide "intermediate"-- $(CF_3)_2CNR-SF_2$ . (I)

(I) has been prepared in high yield by the reaction of



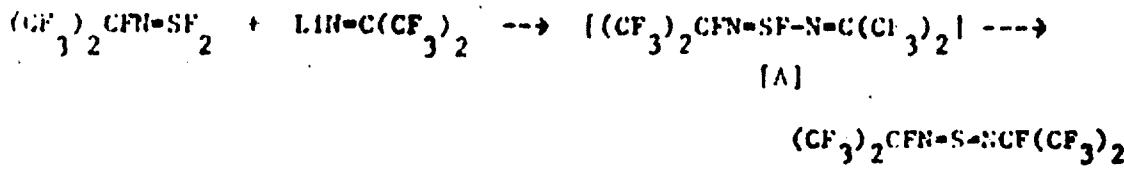
but the more highly substituted members (II) ~ (VI) have not been previously reported. Compounds (I) and (II) are readily isolated when the ratio of  $LiN=C(F_3)_2$  to  $SF_4$  is less than 4:1, but neither is observed if  $SF_4$  is the limiting reagent. With the exception of (VI), each

higher member of the series can be made from reaction of its antecedent and the lithium salt, with none of the lower members being produced. Thus, adding pure (II) to  $(CF_3)_2C=NLi$  results in the formation of (III), (IV) and (V) with no (I) or (VI) being observed. Sulfurdiimides have been shown to react with polar organic molecules to cleave the N=S bonds,<sup>21</sup> which explains the formation of 0.58 mmol of (V) as the only volatile product observed when 0.59 mmol of (IV) reacts with  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$

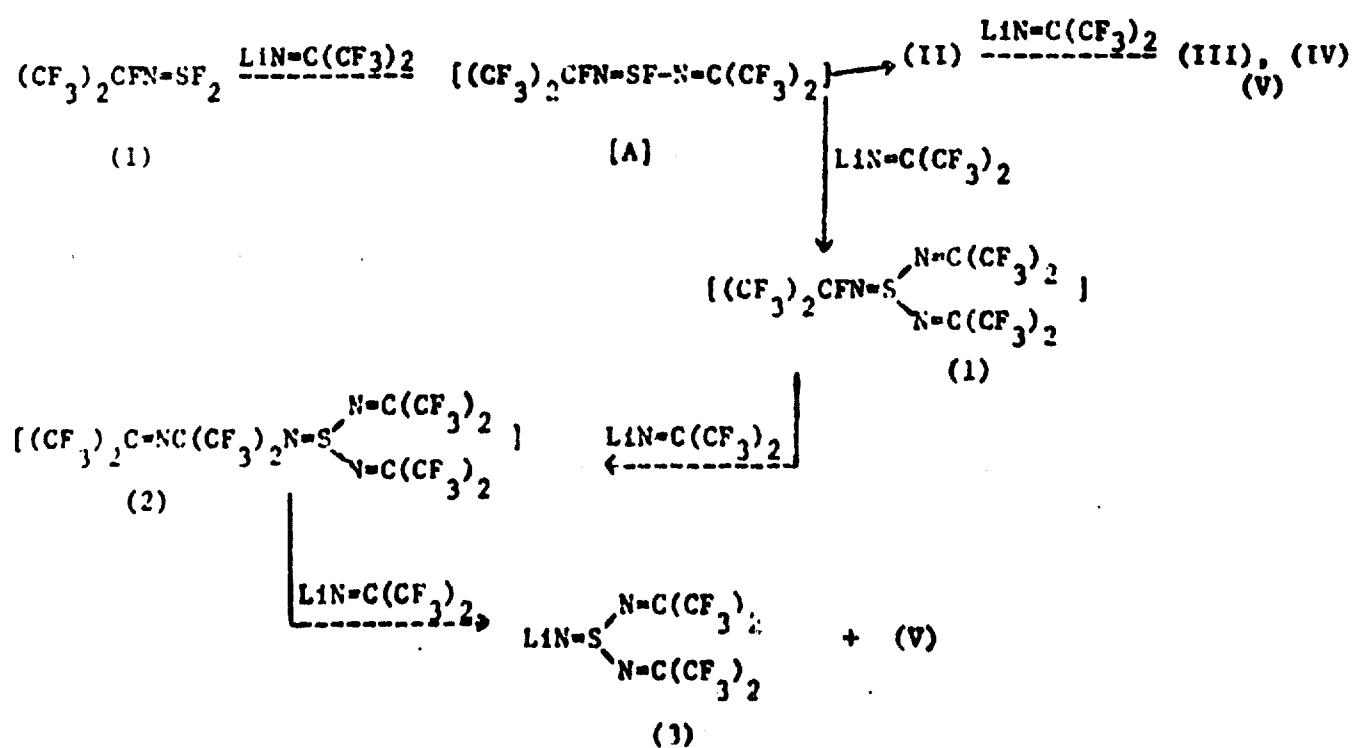


The N atom on the lithium salt is the nucleophilic site and the S=N bond is presumed to have broken and new S=N bonds formed to produce (V) and a proposed lithium salt which was not isolated.

The mechanism of formation of products (I), (II) and (VI) is difficult to deduce. Whether a simple metathetical reaction occurs between F and the  $(CF_3)_2C=N$  moiety to form a transient intermediate which rearranges by fluoride ion migration to a more electropositive center cannot be demonstrated without isolating the postulated intermediate, i.e.,



The formation of  $\text{CF}_3(\text{F})\text{S}=\text{NCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  (VII) (discussed later in this section) and the recently reported synthesis of a previously unknown aminosulfurmonofluoride imide ( $-\text{N}=\text{SF}-\text{NR}_2$ )<sup>25</sup> could argue for the existence of  $[\Lambda]$  even though the possibility of structural rearrangement of these imides is not likely. Further implicit evidence for this, or some similar intermediate, arises from the formation of  $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{N}]_2\text{S}=\text{NH}$  (VI). None of this new sulfurimine is observed in reaction of (II), (III), (IV) or (V) with the lithium salt, therefore, the precursor to the product probably arises from reaction of  $\text{SF}_4$  or (I). Since reaction of (I) results in greater yields of (VI) than does reaction of  $\text{SF}_4$  it seems reasonable to postulate an intermediate ( $\Lambda$ ) which can either rearrange to form (II) and subsequently (III), (IV) and (V) or which can itself undergo reaction with the lithium salt to form a precursor to (VI). Thus



Addition of  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$  to the solid residue remaining after pulling off the volatiles results in the formation of (VI) in yields as high as 24%.



Some of (VI) is usually observed in the volatile products before addition of  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$ . In the preparation of  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$ , formed by adding excess  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$  to n-BuLi, slightly more than a 1:1 uptake of parent imine is observed which is not recovered even after pumping on the solid for several hours. When the lithium salt is heated to 70° under dynamic vacuum excess  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$  is pulled off the solid and subsequent reaction with  $SF_4$  produces very little (VI) until  $(CF_3)_2C=NH$  is added to the solid.

In an entirely analogous series of reactions,  $(CF_3)_2SF_2$ , and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  react to produce the monosubstituted rearranged compound  $(CF_3)_2S=NCF(CF_3)_2$  (VIII) which in turn reacts readily with the lithium salt to form the disubstituted derivative  $(CF_3)_2S=NC(CF_3)_2N=C(CF_3)_2$  (IX). Unlike (IV), (VIII) does not undergo further reaction with  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  and is thermally less stable, decomposing above 100° to  $CF_3SN=C(CF_3)_2$  and an unidentified yellow solid.

Metathesis reactions of  $CF_3SF_3$  and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  were not as predictable as were the above sulfur (IV) reactions. The monosubstituted product  $CF_3SF=NCF(CF_3)_2$  was readily obtained in reasonable yields when excess  $CF_3SF_3$  was used, but yields dropped to almost zero when  $CF_3SF_3$  was the limiting reagent. Instead, a nonvolatile, yellow liquid was formed which could not be purified by gas chromatography and which slowly solidified at 25°. Numerous resonances were observed in the  $^{19}F$  nmr of the neat liquid but none which could be reasonably assigned to higher homologues of the parent. When  $CF_3SF=NCF(CF_3)_2$  and  $LiN=C(CF_3)_2$  were reacted in varying

proportions, for varying times, with or without solvent the same intracitable yellow mixture recurred. In one attempted gas chromatographic purification, a very small amount of compound was obtained with a C=N band at  $1732\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the infrared, and four  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr resonances in the expected regions for the disubstituted derivative. Insufficient compound was isolated for characterization.

An interesting example of through-space coupling of remote fluorine nuclei is observed in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum of  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN}=\text{S}=\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ . Resonances occur at 142, 80, 73.7 and 67.6 $\delta$  in the ratio of 1:6:6:6. On the basis of structural analogues the assignments are given in Fig. 1.<sup>34</sup>

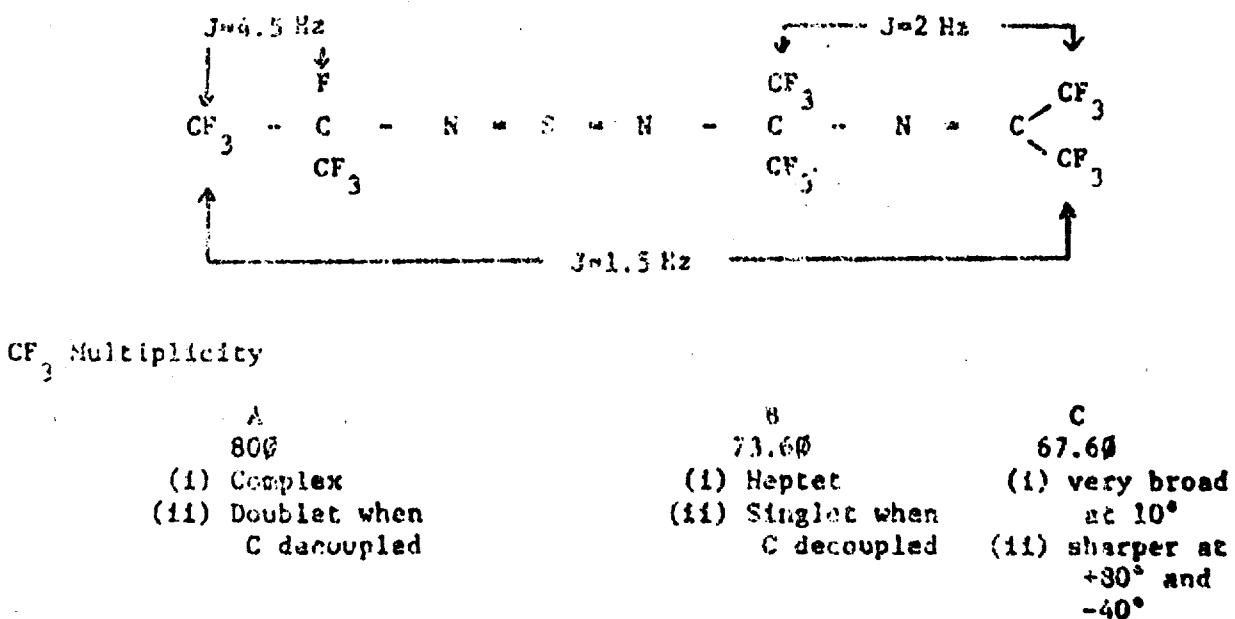


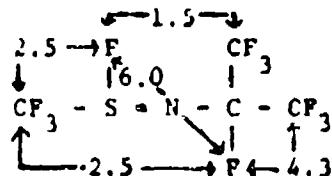
Fig. 1.  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr of  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CFN}=\text{S}=\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$

The resonance at 142 $\delta$  is assigned to the isopropyl fluorine and is a heptet due to splitting from the 6 vicinal fluorine atoms ( $J_{\text{F}-\text{CF}_3} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}$ ). A complex resonance at 80 $\delta$  assigned to the (A)  $\text{CF}_3$  groups (see Fig. 1) is resolved into a simple doublet when (C) is decoupled ( $J_{\text{CF}_3-\text{F}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}$ ).

(C) also couples with (B) splitting the latter into a heptet ( $J_{(B)-(C)} = 2$  Hz) which becomes a singlet at  $73.6^\circ$  when (C) is decoupled. The broadening of (C) arises not only from coupling to (A) and (B) but also from inversion about the C-N single bond adjacent to the imine moiety.<sup>2,3,26,27,28,29,30</sup> Cooling the sample results in a very broad nmr signal for (C) at  $10^\circ$ , which is considerably sharpened by lowering the temperature to  $-40^\circ$ . Heating to  $80^\circ$  also produces a sharper resonance for (C).

Coupling of the remote  $^{19}\text{F}$  nuclei by bonding electrons through ten sigma bonds is probably negligible, the dominant coupling contributions more likely arising from non-bonded electron interaction. Through space coupling is dependent on molecular geometry, thus the geometry of the molecule must allow for a configuration in which the terminal  $\text{CF}_3$  groups are within at least  $2.5 \text{ \AA}$  of each other.<sup>31,32,33</sup>

The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr of  $\text{CF}_3\text{S}(\text{F})=\text{NC}(\text{F})(\text{CF}_3)_2$  shows resonances at  $145.2$ ,  $81.5$ ,  $72.9$  and  $11.1^\circ$  in the ratio of  $1:6:3:1$  respectively. The following interactions are observed. (Coupling constants in Hz)



The resonance at  $145.2^\circ$  assigned to the isopropyl fluorine and the S-F resonance at  $11.1^\circ$  are complex multiplets each being split by all the other fluorine atoms in the molecule. The resonance at  $81.5^\circ$  is assigned to the  $\text{CF}_3$  groups attached to carbon and at  $-45^\circ$  is a doublet of doublets from splitting by the single fluorine atoms on carbon and

sulfur. At 72.98, the resonance assigned to  $\text{CF}_3$  attached to S is split into a triplet from equal coupling to the two single fluorines. The unexpectedly large coupling of the isopropyl fluorine to  $\text{CF}_3\text{-S}$  could indicate non-bonded electron interaction but, if this is the case, the molecular geometry is such that the remote  $\text{CF}_3$  groups do not couple significantly through space. Examination of molecular models renders this latter contingency unlikely. On the premise that through-bond spin spin coupling is the predominant mechanism and from comparison of coupling constants in structural analogues, the isopropyl fluorine is assumed to couple to the two  $\text{CF}_3$  groups on carbon more strongly than does the S-F, however, this assignment is not unequivocal. Decoupling experiments were inconclusive.

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Insertion of  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  into  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NLi}$

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Recently<sup>1</sup> we reported the facile introduction of the hexafluoroisopropylidenimino group into a series of compounds from reaction of  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  with inorganic halides. On the basis of these results and results from reaction of  $\text{SF}_4$  with  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ <sup>2</sup> we proposed that the reactions proceed in an irreversible series of steps although it was not possible to isolate intermediates for other than the  $\text{SF}_4$  reactions.

When  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  reacts with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  or  $\text{COCl}_2$ , even with the reactants in large excess, the major products observed are

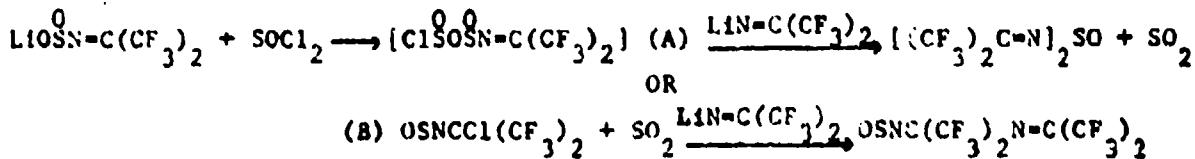
$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NSO}$  or  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NCO}$  with no trace of the symmetrical sulfoxide  $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{N}]_2\text{SO}$ , or substituted urea  $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{N}]_2\text{CO}$ . In an attempt to prepare the latter compounds and further substantiate the stepwise mechanism a different synthetic technique was devised which might eliminate the formation of the postulated but unisolated intermediate  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CClN}=\text{E}=\text{O}$  (where E = S or C).

We have observed that  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  insert quantitatively into  $\text{LiN}=\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  giving new lithium salts which are stable in glass at 25° for extended periods. Reaction of these with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  or  $\text{COCl}_2$  were expected to form intermediates which, if stable to loss of  $\text{SO}_2$  or  $\text{CO}_2$  respectively, would react further to form the symmetrical compounds.

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On the other hand, if the intermediates were unstable, they should react further giving rise to rearranged compounds. Thus for  $\text{SOCl}_2$ :



### Experimental Section

#### Insertion of $\text{SO}_2$ into $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NLi}$

$\text{SO}_2$  (10mmol) was condensed onto  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NLi}$  (7.2 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and allowed to warm slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 2 hr excess  $\text{SO}_2$  (2.7 mmol) was removed under vacuum leaving a finely divided cream colored solid(I).

#### Reaction of (I) and $\text{SOCl}_2$

$\text{SOCl}_2$  (6.45 mmol) was condensed onto I(2.7 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 12 hr the products were separated by gas chromatography using a 2 it 20% Kel-F on Chromosorb P column to give  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}(\text{Cl})\text{N}=\text{S}=\text{O}$  (73% yield) and  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NC}(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{N}=\text{S}=\text{O}^1$  (16% yield).

$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CClNSO}$  is a colorless liquid with a boiling point of  $90.2^\circ$  obtained from the equation  $\log P_{\text{torr}} = 8.26 - 1954/T$ . The molar heat of vaporization is 8.94 kcal and the Trouton constant is 24.6 eu. The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectrum shows a singlet at 76.3 $\delta$ . The infrared spectrum is as follows: 1328 m, 1282 vs, 1248 vs, 1198 m, 965 m, 932 m, 752 w, 725 m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $\text{M-F}^+$ (4),  $\text{M-Cl}^+$ (25),  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{ClN}^+$ (2),  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_5\text{NCI}^+$ (37),  $\text{M-CF}_3^+$ (100),  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4\text{NSO}$ (13),  $\text{SOCl}^+$ (26),  $\text{CF}_3^+$ (93),  $\text{SCl}^+$ (25),  $\text{SO}_2^+$ (33),  $\text{CF}_2^+$ (13),  $\text{SO}^+$ (73).

Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_3\text{ClF}_6\text{NS}$ : C, 14.54; Cl, 14.33; F, 46.1; N, 5.67; S, 12.92; Found C, 14.56; Cl, 14.03; F, 45.8; N, 5.71; S, 12.96.

$(CF_3)_2CClNSO$  is also formed when II and  $SOCl_2$  react.

Insertion of  $CO_2$  in  $(CF_3)_2C=NLi$

$CO_2$  (10 mmol) and 5 ml of 2-methylbutane were condensed onto  $(CF_3)_2C=NLi$  (7 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and allowed to warm slowly to  $25^\circ$ . A vigorous exothermic reaction occurred while still cold which results in a detonation when no 2-methylbutane is used. The latter acts as a heat sink. After 1 hr excess  $CO_2$  (2.8 mmol) and heat sink were removed under vacuum leaving a finely divided cream colored solid (II).

Reaction of (II) +  $COCl_2$

$COCl_2$  (8 mmol) was condensed onto II (3.8 mmol) at  $-196^\circ$  and warmed slowly to  $25^\circ$ . After 8 hr the products were separated by gas chromatography using a 2 ft 20% Kel-F on Chromasorb P column to give  $(CF_3)_2CClNCO$  (50% yield) and  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2N^+Cl^-$  (9% yield).

$(CF_3)_2CClNCO$  is a colorless liquid with a boiling point of  $50.3^\circ$  obtained from the equation  $\log P_{\text{torr}} = 7.81 - 3594/T$ . The molar heat of vaporization is 7.35 kcal and the Trouton constant is 22.7 eu. The  $^{19}F$  nmr spectrum shows a singlet at 77.4 $\delta$ . The infrared spectrum is as follows: 2275 vs, 1520 m, 1292 vs, 1248 vs, 1190 m, 1028 s, 962 s, 932 s, 755 m, 722 m  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Principal peaks in the mass spectrum correspond to the ions (relative intensity):  $M-F^+$  (7),  $M-Cl^+$  (34),  $M-CF_3$  (100),  $M-CF_2Cl^+$  (26),  $CFClNCO^+$  (31),  $CF_2NCO^+$  (70),  $CF_2CN^+$  (9),  $CF_3^+$  (61),  $CF_2N^+$  (57),  $CF_2^+$  (9).

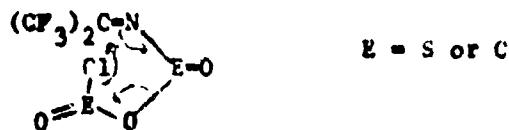
Anal. Calcd for  $C_4ClF_6N$ : C, 21.12; Cl, 15.60; F, 50.03; N, 6.17; Found C, 21.00; Cl, 15.42; F, 50.3; N, 6.23.

$(CF_3)_2CClNCO$  is also formed when II and  $[ClC(O)]_2$  or  $SOCl_2$  react.

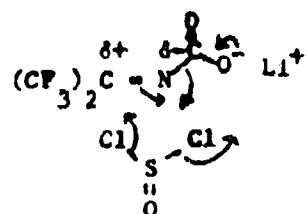
### Results and Discussion

The synthesis of  $(CF_3)_2CClNSO$  and  $(CF_3)_2CClNCO$  indicates that these products were indeed the postulated intermediates in the formation of  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2NSO$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=NC(CF_3)_2NCO$  since reaction of the intermediates with  $LiN=CF_3$  gives the latter compounds.

No trace of  $[(Cl)_2C=N]_2SO$  or  $[(CF_3)_2C=N]_2CO$  was observed in the above reactions. The products obtained indicate that the proposed intermediates  $(CF_3)_2C=\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{NSO}}}Cl$  and  $(CF_3)_2C=\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{NCO}}}Cl$  are short lived since  $SO_2$  and  $CO_2$  are eliminated at temperatures as low as  $-30^\circ$ . The migration of chloride and formation of  $SO_2$  or  $CO_2$  can be rationalized from the pseudo six membered ring.



However, if this intermediate does form, a competing mechanism is probably operative also since reaction of  $SOCl_2$  and I gives primarily  $(CF_3)_2CClNSO$  with  $(CF_3)_2CClNCO$  as a minor product. Reaction of  $COCl_2$  with I gives traces of these compounds also but little reaction occurs after 12 hrs at  $25^\circ$ . The formation of these products indicates that nucleophilic attack at the electron deficient double bond may occur.



but the lack of reactivity between  $COCl_2$  and I is puzzling. Isotopic labelling experiments would be of help in resolving this problem.

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SOME CHEMISTRY OF DIFLUOROAMINOCARBONYL CHLORIDE. A NEW ROUTE TO  
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Abstract. Improved yields of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  are obtained by short term (4-6 hr) photolysis of  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$  with oxalyl chloride. Reactions of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  with  $\text{AgCN}$ ,  $\text{AgNCS}$ ,  $\text{AgNCO}$ ,  $\text{Hg(SCF}_3)_2$  and  $\text{Hg(ON(CF}_3)_2)_2$  give the new difluoroaminocarbonyl pseudohalides:  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)CN}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCO}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)SCF}_3$ , and  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)ON(CF}_3)_2$ . With excess of either  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  at  $0^\circ$  or  $\text{HgO}$  at  $-78^\circ$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  is converted to  $(\text{NF}_2)_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  in nearly quantitative yield. Chlorocarbonyl fluorosulfate results when  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  is mixed with  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  or  $\text{BrOSO}_2\text{F}$ .

This work concerns a modified preparation<sup>2,3</sup> of difluoroaminocarbonyl chloride,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$ , and some of its chemistry on which a preliminary report has recently appeared.<sup>4</sup> It is now possible to prepare the compound in amounts which make studying its chemistry feasible. Only with  $\text{AgNCS}$  and  $\text{Hg(ON(CF}_3)_2)_2$  does  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  undergo metathetical reactions at or below  $25^\circ$ . With  $\text{AgCN}$ ,  $\text{AgNCO}$  and  $\text{Hg(SCF}_3)_2$ , higher temperatures, longer reaction times and, in some cases, recycling of unreacted  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  is necessary to ensure yields greater than 50%. It is likely that perfluorourea arises via decarboxylation of an unstable symmetrical anhydride intermediate formed when  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  reacts with either  $\text{HgO}$  or  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$ . This provides a facile, much less hazardous route to

$(NF_2)_2CO$  than the original method of pyrolyzing  $KOCN_2F_5$ .<sup>2,5</sup> Reactions of  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  with several other silver, mercury and alkali metal salts which do not result in new compounds are also described.

Surprisingly, both peroxydisulfuryl difluoride,  $S_2O_6F_2$  and bromine fluorosulfate,  $BrOSO_2F$  form chlorocarbonyl fluorosulfate,  $ClC(O)OSO_2F$ ,<sup>6</sup> at 25° with  $NF_2C(O)Cl$ . Other methods for preparing  $ClC(O)OSO_2F$ , as well as some of its reaction chemistry, are detailed below.

### Experimental

Caution!--Nitrogen-fluorine-containing compounds are strong oxidizing agents and should be handled with proper shielding and other safety precautions. Although we experienced no difficulty in handling these materials, it should be reported that the German analyst was injured when a sample of  $NF_2C(O)NCO$  exploded in his hand. These difluoroaminocarbonyl compounds are very sensitive to hydrolysis and can be handled successfully only under highly anhydrous conditions.

Starting materials.--Most reagents used are available from standard chemical supply houses.  $AgNCO$ ,<sup>7</sup>  $Hg(ON(CF_3)_2)_2$ ,<sup>7,8</sup>  $Hg(SCF_3)_2$ ,<sup>8,9</sup>  $(CF_3)_2NOH$ ,<sup>10</sup>  $Hg(OSO_2F)_2$ ,<sup>11</sup>  $S_2O_6F_2$ ,<sup>12</sup>  $BrOSO_2F$ ,<sup>13</sup> and  $(CF_3)_2C=NLi$ <sup>14</sup> were synthesized via literature methods.

### Preparation of Difluoroaminocarbonyl Chloride, $NF_2C(O)Cl$ .

There are two methods available for the synthesis of  $NF_2C(O)Cl$ : 1) chlorination of  $NF_2C(O)F$  with  $Al_2Cl_6$ ,<sup>2</sup> and 2) photolysis of a mixture of  $Cl(CO)_2Cl$  and  $N_2F_4$ .<sup>3</sup> The former method requires first the preparation of  $NF_2C(O)F$  (15% yield); then its subsequent conversion to  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  which occurs in rather high yield (76%) when mmol amounts are used. However, when the conversion reaction is scaled

up by 16-fold, none of the carbonyl chloride is obtained. Therefore, we have modified the latter method to increase the conversion of  $\text{Cl}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}$  from 20 to 40% thus making it a method by which preparative amounts of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  can be realized.

In a typical preparation, 112 torr (30 mmol) of  $\text{Cl}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}$  is placed in a 5 l. Pyrex bulb equipped with a water-cooled quartz finger. An additional 168 torr (45 mmol) of  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$  is added to the bulb. The mixture is irradiated for 6 hr with a Pyrex-filtered, medium pressure, 450 watt ultraviolet lamp (Hanovia L-679A36, Engelhard Hanovia, Inc.) and a crude separation is effected by fractional condensation. Approximately 18% of the complex product mixture is not condensable at  $-183^\circ$  ( $\text{N}_2$ ). The fraction stopped at  $-183^\circ$  consists of ~37 mmol of highly volatile material, mostly  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{FCOCl}$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ , and  $\text{NF}_2\text{Cl}$ . The trap at  $-139^\circ$  contains ~10 mmol of a nearly equal mixture of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{COCl}_2$  plus other minor impurities. The trap at  $-108^\circ$  contains ~31 mmol of a similar mixture. The fractions at  $-108^\circ$  and  $-139^\circ$  are recombined and separated by gas chromatography using a 19 ft  $\times$  0.25 in o.d. aluminum column packed with 20% Kel-F-3 oil on Chromasorb P. Two mmol samples can be successfully separated without flooding the column.  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  elutes before phosgene. Great care must be taken to keep the column and collection system completely anhydrous.

Reactions of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  with Pseudohalide Salts.--A similar method is used for the preparation of all the new difluoroaminocarbonyl pseudohalides. A measured amount of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  is condensed into a reaction vessel containing an excess of the dry silver or mercury salt. The reaction is allowed to proceed at a suitable temperature for an appropriate length of time depending upon the reactivity of the salt. The volatile products are removed, separated by fractional condensation, and any unreacted  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  is recycled to

the vessel for additional reaction. Both Pyrex flask~~s~~ with Teflon valves and stainless steel Hoke bombs can be used successfully (see Table 1). All react extremely rapidly with water by the following general reaction



where X = CN, NCO, NCS,  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{S}$

At  $25^\circ$ , these compounds are colorless, with the exception of yellow  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$ , volatile liquids which are stable in glass and in contact with mercury (except  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)SCF}_3$ ).  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$  exhibits some thermal instability at  $25^\circ$  to form a yellow polymeric material. The rate of decomposition becomes very rapid above  $60^\circ$ .

Reactions with salts which did not produce new compounds.

In most cases, the C-N bond of the  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  is cleaved with concomitant loss and/or destruction of the  $\text{NF}_2$  group. In some cases, especially where considerable heating is required to produce reaction, the solid seems to catalyze the decomposition of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  to yield the self-fluorination product  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$ . Compounds reacted with  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$ , reaction temperature(s) and volatile products are as follows:

- a)  $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Ag}$ ;  $-78$  to  $25^\circ$ ;  $(\text{CF}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$ .
- b)  $\text{AgBr}$  or  $\text{KBr}$ ;  $>100^\circ$ ;  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCO}$ .
- c)  $\text{AgI}$ ;  $25^\circ$ ;  $\text{I}_2$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCO}$ .
- d)  $\text{AgClO}_4$ ;  $25^\circ$ ; hydrolysis products of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$ .
- e)  $\text{AgO}$ ;  $25^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NF}_3$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ , noncondensable gas.
- f)  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$ ;  $25^\circ$ ;  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCO}$ ,  $\text{COS}$ .
- g)  $\text{NaOCH}_3$ ;  $-106^\circ$ ;  $(\text{CH}_3\text{O})_2\text{CO}$ , trace  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$ .

TABLE I  
PROPERTIES OF  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)X}$  COMPOUNDS

Salt (mmol $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$ )	Temp. Time(hr)	Product Yield	C	Elemental Analyses (2)		$\Delta H_{\text{v}}$ kcal/mole	$\Delta S_{\text{v}}$ e.u.	BP	$\log P_{\text{Torr}} = A - B/T$
				F	N				
AgSCN (2.0)	25°(0.7)	$\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$ 94	17.28 (17.40)*	28.0 (27.5)	20.75 (20.28)	23.53 (23.22)	—	—	—
AgNCO (2.0)	40-70°(8)	$\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCO}$ <sup>a</sup> 60	19.51 (19.68)	31.4 (31.1)	23.10 (22.96)	—	8.26	1762	8.1
AgCN (2.0)	110°(7+8) <sup>b</sup>	$\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)CN}$ 66	35.3 <sup>c</sup> (35.8)	—	—	8.33	1564	7.1	24.9
Hg(SCF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	65°(5) <sup>b</sup>	$\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)SCF}_3$ 80	13.16 (13.27)	52.2 (52.5)	7.74 (7.73)	17.66 (17.71)	6.72	1213	5.5
Hg(ON(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)	-95°(10) <sup>b</sup>	$\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)ON(CF}_3)_2$ 69.5	14.01 (14.53)	60.4 (61.3)	11.33 (11.29)	—	8.19	1645	7.5
								24.3	-103
								36.8	

( )\* calculated

a yields significantly larger when AgNCO freshly prepared

b recycle

c determined from <sup>19</sup>F nmr data

h)  $\text{NaN}_3$  or  $\text{KN}_3$ ;  $80^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ , 4%  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}_3$ <sup>15</sup>

i)  $\text{Hg}(\text{OSO}_2\text{F})_2$ ;  $100^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{F}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ ,  $\text{FCOCl}$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$ .

NMR Spectra of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{X}$  Compounds.--The  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectra consist of broadened resonances for the fluorine bonded to nitrogen but no coupling between fluorine and nitrogen is observed. High resolution  $^{19}\text{F}$  nmr spectra were obtained with a Varian Model HA-100 spectrometer operating at 94.1 MHz with an internal reference of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ .

Compound	N-F, $\delta$	C-F, $\delta$	$J_{\text{NF-CF}}$ , Hz
$\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CN}$	-30.8 s	-	-
$\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NCO}$	-35.4 s	-	-
$\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NCS}$	-36.0 s	-	-
$\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{SCF}_3$	-37.4 s	40.7 t	3.6
$\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{ON}(\text{CF}_3)_2$	-34.8 s	68.4 s	-

Infrared data for  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{X}$  compounds.--The infrared spectra, recorded with a Perkin-Elmer Model 621 grating spectrometer using a 5 cm cell equipped with KBr windows, for these five new  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{X}$  compounds are:  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CN}$ , 2243s, 1805vs, 1796vs, 1151s, 988vs, 189w, 694s, 687m, 481w, 470w;  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NCO}$ , 2281vvs, 2220m, sh, 1835vs, 1814s, sh, 1801s, sh, 1443, 1415m, sh, 1137m, 1093mw, 988s, 820mw, 774m, 613mw;  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NCS}$  - 2035m, sh, 1970vs, br, 1958s, sh, 1816s, 1240ms, 1206s, 949mw, 898m, 888m, 864ms, 133m;  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{SCF}_3$  - 1956vs, 1816ms, 1787ms, 1197s, 1145m, 1120s, 1064m, 938m, 704s, 765m;  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{ON}(\text{CF}_3)_2$  - 1885s, 1384w, 1322vs, 1270vs, 1238vs, 1211s, 1191m, 1158s, 1060s, 1013m, 911ms, 960mw, sh, 885m, 794w, 716m, 713s, 659w,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Preparation of Perfluorourea,  $(\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O}))_2\text{CO}$ .--In a typical preparation of perfluoro-urea, 1 mmol of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$  is condensed into a 65 ml Pyrex flask containing 15.6 mmol of dry, crushed yellow  $\text{AgO}$  and the reaction proceeds for 2.5 hr at

-78°. The volatile products (1.12 mmol) are  $(NF_2)_2CO$ ,  $CO_2$  and traces of  $NF_2C(O)F$  and  $HNF_2$ . In a two stage purification, the products are separated first by fractional condensation in traps at -110 or -118° ( $NF_2C(O)Cl$ ), at -138° ( $(NF_2)_2CO$  contaminated with hydrolysis product  $HNF_2$ ), and at -183° ( $CO_2$  and  $NF_2C(O)F$ ). Final purification of perfluorourea is attained by removal of  $HNF_2$  using 5A molecular sieves (30/60 granular, Wilkins Instrument and Research, Inc.). The sieves are carefully predried by strong heating under dynamic vacuum. The best results are obtained by condensing the perfluorourea-difluoramine mixture onto the sieves at -183°, warming the flask to 25° over a 5 min period, and then immediately removing the volatile material. The yield of  $(NF_2)_2CO$  is > 95%. Contact times longer than 10 min result in poor recovery of  $(NF_2)_2CO$  as well as the formation of some noncondensable gas.

Silver(I) oxide may also be used to prepare  $(NF_2)_2CO$  but longer reaction time and higher temperature are required. In a typical preparation, 0.5 mmol  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  is allowed to react with 11 mmol of dry  $Ag_2O$  in a 65 ml Pyrex flask. After 21 hr at 0°, the volatile products were fractionated with traps at -183 (0.346 mmol  $CO_2$  and  $NF_2C(O)F$ ), -138 (0.21 mmol of nearly pure  $(NF_2)_2CO$ ), -120 and -110°. The latter two traps are essentially empty. The yield of  $(NF_2)_2CO$  is ~82%.

Spectral properties of  $(NF_2)_2CO$ . -- Infrared bands appear at 1866s, 1859s, 1806w, sh, 1151m, 979ms, 931vs, 847m, tr, 721m, br, 472w, 331m and 255w,  $cm^{-1}$ . The ultraviolet spectrum was recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 202 spectrophotometer using a sample at 0.7 torr in a 10 cm quartz cell. In the range from 190-390 nm, one broad absorption was observed with a maximum at 202 nm. The  $^{19}F$  nmr spectrum was obtained on a 20 mole-% solution in  $CFCl_3$  as a single broad resonance at -33.4 $\delta$  (vs -30.8 ppm with external reference). The mass

spectrum which was recorded at 70 ev shows no molecular ion but fragments of hydrolysis products are present. The base peak is  $\text{NF}_2^+$  and the spectrum includes (m/e, species, relative %age): 18,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}^+$ , 25.3; 20,  $\text{HF}^+$ , 7.0; 28,  $\text{CO}^+$ ,  $\text{N}_2^+$ , 61.3; 30,  $\text{NO}^+$ , 6.4; 32,  $\text{O}_2^+$ , 11.7; 33,  $\text{NP}^+$ , 49.6; 34,  $\text{HNF}^+$ , 20.6; 42,  $\text{NCO}^+$ , 14.6; 43,  $\text{HNCO}^+$ , 6.0; 44,  $\text{CO}_2^+$ , 78.2; 47,  $\text{COF}^+$ , 22.3; 52,  $\text{NF}_2^+$ , 100; 53,  $\text{HNF}_2^+$ , 29.8; 61,  $\text{FNCO}^+$ , 52.8; 63,  $\text{FCO}_2^+$ , 6.7; 66,  $\text{COF}_2^+$ , 4.5; 69,  $\text{CF}_3^+$ , 7.9; 80,  $\text{F}_2\text{NCO}^+$ , 54.6; 113,  $\text{F}_2\text{NCONF}^+$ , trace.

Preparation of Chlorocarbonyl Fluorosulfate.--There are four methods by which this compound can be prepared but the first two are impractical on the preparative scale. Method four is the most useful. 1)  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  +  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$ , in equimolar amounts (0.5 mmol), are held in a Pyrex tube for 10 hr at  $25^\circ$  and give equal quantities of  $\text{NF}_2\text{OSO}_2\text{F}^{16}$  and  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$ . 2)  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  +  $\text{BrOSO}_2\text{F}$ , in equimolar amounts (0.5 mmol), are held in a Pyrex tube for 1 hr at  $25^\circ$  and react according to  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl} + \text{BrOSO}_2\text{F} \longrightarrow \text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F} + \text{N}_2\text{F}_4 + \text{Br}_2$ . 3)  $\text{BrOSO}_2\text{F}$  (1 mmol) +  $\text{COCl}_2$  (7.3 mmol), after 16 hr at  $-65^\circ$ , gave  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$  (0.54 mmol, 54% yield) and  $\text{BrCl}$ . 4) The thermal reaction between  $(\text{COCl})_2$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  gives yields of  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$  which are superior to those obtained via photolysis, but each method has an advantage. a) In a typical thermal reaction, 2.1 mmol each of  $(\text{COCl})_2$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  are heated slowly to  $43^\circ$  for 30 hr in a 150 ml Pyrex glass tube. The products are separated by use of traps at  $-133^\circ$  (1.3 mmol  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$ ),  $-95^\circ$  (0.1 mmol  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ ),  $-78^\circ$  (2.46 mmol impure  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$ , 58% yield), and at  $-47^\circ$  (trace  $\text{Cl(CO)}_2\text{OSO}_2\text{F}$ ). Carbon monoxide formed passed a trap at  $-183^\circ$ .

When equimolar amounts of  $(\text{COCl})_2$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  are thermolyzed, the  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$  which is trapped is contaminated with unreacted  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  from which

it cannot be easily separated by fractional condensation. The best procedure is to use an excess of  $(COCl)_2$  (30-50%) and, since it cannot be separated efficiently from the product by fractional condensation, to destroy the unreacted  $(COCl)_2$  in the product mixture by photolysis through Pyrex.

b) In a typical photochemical preparation, 1.0 mmol each of  $(COCl)_2$  and  $S_2O_6F_2$  are irradiated through Pyrex for 4.5 hr in a Srinivasan-Griffin reactor equipped with sixteen 21-watt 3000A uv lamps. Fractional condensation of the products gives in a trap at  $-183^\circ$  (1.33 mmol  $COCl_2$  and  $Cl_2$ ), at  $-78^\circ$  (0.74 mmol  $ClC(O)OSO_2F$ , ~37% yield), and at  $-47^\circ$  (trace  $ClC(O)OSO_2F$ ).

Chlorocarbonyl fluorosulfate of good purity was then obtained by allowing the product from a) or b) to slowly pass a trap at  $-47^\circ$  and to stop in a trap at  $-64^\circ$ . Final purification was achieved by gas chromatography using a 3 ft x 0.25 in 20% FS-1265 on ...akrom Tee-Six column at  $25^\circ$ .

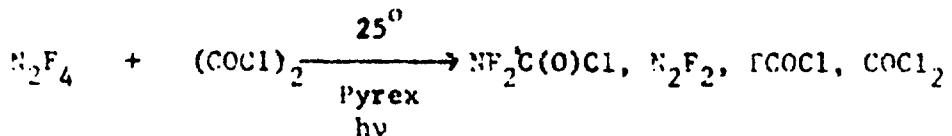
Properties of Chlorocarbonyl Fluorosulfate.-- $ClC(O)OSO_2F$  is a colorless, dense liquid with a vapor pressure of about 100 torr at  $25^\circ$ . It dissolves readily in halocarbon greases to give a characteristic brown viscous mess which makes handling it in gear with Teflon or metal valves necessary. A glass is formed when  $ClC(O)OSO_2F$  is cooled. An experimental molecular weight of 161.8 (162.5) was obtained. Anal. Calcd. for  $ClC(O)OSO_2F$ : Cl, 21.81; F, 11.7; S, 19.73. Found: Cl, 21.55; F, 11.5; S, 19.97. Infrared spectral bands occur at 1830s, 1492s, 1257s, 1016vs, 871m, 841s, 782m, 657w, and 577s,  $cm^{-1}$ . The  $^{19}F$  nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum consists of a single peak at  $-44.76$ . In the mass spectrum no molecular ion occurs, but a fragment  $M-Cl^+$  is observed.

Reactions of Chlorocarbonyl Fluorosulfate.--The following reactants and conditions were used and products formed. Invariably, the C-O bond is broken.

- a)  $\text{NH}_3$  ( $\text{N}_2$  diluent);  $0^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{COFCl}$ ,  $\text{COF}_2$ ,  $\text{HNCO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  salt.
- b)  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$ ;  $25^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ , white solid.
- c)  $\text{AgNCO}$ ,  $-78^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ .
- d)  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C=NLi}$ ;  $-78^\circ$ ;  $\text{COCl}_2$ , unidentified isocyanate.
- e)  $\text{KF}$ ;  $50^\circ$ ; No reaction.
- f)  $\text{CaF}$ ;  $50^\circ$ ;  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{COF}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{F}_2$ ,  $\text{COClF}$ .
- g)  $\text{AgF}_2$ ;  $25^\circ$ ;  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{COF}_2$ ,  $\text{COClF}$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ ,  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_5\text{F}_2$ .

### Results and Discussion

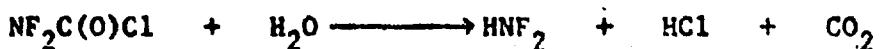
Oxalyl chloride when photolyzed with an excess of  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$  through Pyrex glass for several hours is more than 40% converted to  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  and, while large quantities of other volatile products are formed, preliminary trap-to-trap separation followed by gas chromatography permits good separation of the  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$ . Phosgene is the most difficultly separated contaminant.



Higher energy radiation allows generation of a higher concentration of  $\cdot\text{C(O)Cl}$  radicals but no  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  can be isolated under these conditions probably due to photolytic decomposition of the product. In Pyrex glass, there is no evidence of decomposition of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  below  $180^\circ$  at which temperature, after 12 hr, traces of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$  and  $\text{CO}$  begin to appear. At  $240^\circ$ , complete degradation occurs to produce  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$ ,  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{COClF}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$ . At intermediate temperatures, the decomposition appears to proceed initially via a self-fluorination reaction



Hydrolysis occurs very readily with only traces of moisture making anhydrous



conditions an absolute necessity.

Difluoroaminocarbonyl chloride is completely consumed after 40 min upon contact with carefully dried  $\text{AgSCN}$  at  $25^\circ$ , the major product being  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$  (94% yield). Some  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$  and  $\text{COF}_2$  are also formed, the respective amounts increase with reaction time and at the expense of the  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)NCS}$ . This compound is a faintly yellow liquid which freezes to a white solid and which at  $25^\circ$  commences to decompose slowly to a yellow polymeric material. Decomposition becomes appreciable above  $60^\circ$  and precludes the determination of a normal boiling point although the vapor pressure is about 29 torr at  $25^\circ$ .

Recycling of difluoroaminocarbonyl chloride is necessary after initial contact with  $\text{AgCN}$ ,  $\text{Hg}(\text{SCF}_3)_2$ , and  $\text{Hg}(\text{ON(CF}_3)_2)_2$  at various temperatures for several hours in order to completely consume the  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$ . Although prevention of the hydrolysis of these compounds is difficult, it is imperative with  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)CN}$  because of one of the hydrolysis products,  $\text{HCN}$ , is impossible to remove by fractional condensation and attempts to remove it with 4A molecular sieves or gas chromatography were unsuccessful.

For the mercury salt reactions, temperature control as well as temperature range are important since altering the temperature by a few degrees can cause the reaction to proceed to an entirely different set of products. When  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  was treated with mercury(II) bis(trifluoromethyl)nitroxide,  $\text{Hg}(\text{ON(CF}_3)_2)_2$ , at  $0^\circ$ ,  $((\text{CF}_3)_2\text{NO})_2\text{CO}^{17}$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$  were the only volatile products. After lowering the reaction temperature to  $-78^\circ$ ,  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)ON(CF}_3)_2$  was obtained

in 19% yield but  $((CF_3)_2NO)_2CO$  was by far the major component (71%). However, at  $-95^{\circ}$ , the yield of  $((CF_3)_2NO)_2CO$  falls to  $\sim 25\%$ , and  $NF_2C(O)ON(CF_3)_2$  increases to 69.5% after a single recycle to utilize the  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  completely. While other examples of displacement of  $NF_2$  by  $(CF_3)_2NO$  or  $Hg(ON(CF_3)_2)_2$  are not known,  $Hg(ON(CF_3)_2)_2$  can, at low temperatures, cause H, or X (F, Cl, Br, I) to be displaced or replaced in a variety of organic and inorganic materials. Although  $NF_2C(O)ON(CF_3)_2$  is stable at least to its boiling point ( $36.8^{\circ}$ ), whether or not it is stable to further attack by  $Hg(ON(CF_3)_2)_2$  at  $25$  or  $0^{\circ}$  is unknown. This would be helpful in understanding the production of  $((CF_3)_2NO)_2CO$ .

An alternate synthesis of  $NF_2C(O)ON(CF_3)_2$  is provided not unexpectedly by the reaction between  $NF_2C(O)F$  and  $(CF_3)_2NOH$  at  $-50$  to  $-78^{\circ}$  in the presence of excess dry  $CsF$  for several hours. Some  $((CF_3)_2NO)_2CO$  is formed also which makes this reaction analogous to that of  $(CF_3)_2NOH$  with  $COF_2$  or  $COCl_2$ <sup>17</sup> using the same conditions where the majority of product is the mono or disubstituted carbonyl depending on the relative amounts of reactants.

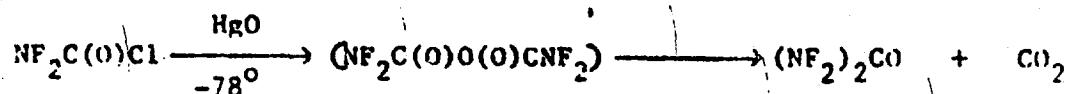
Reaction temperatures in excess of  $65^{\circ}$  result in the production of large amounts of  $NF_2C(O)F$ ,  $SiF_4$ ,  $COF_2$  and  $CO_2$  at the expense of  $NF_2C(O)SCF_3$  in the reaction of  $(CF_3S)_2Hg$  with  $NF_2C(O)Cl$ . After 5 hr contact of  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  with  $Hg(SCF_3)_2$  at  $65^{\circ}$  and a single recycle of the unreacted  $NF_2C(O)Cl$ , an 80% yield of  $NF_2C(O)SCF_3$  is realized. In order to free  $NF_2C(O)SCF_3$  from the small quantity of  $CF_3SSCF_3$  formed in the reaction, gas chromatographic separation is necessary.

Photolysis or thermolysis of  $NF_2C(O)ON(CF_3)_2$  does not result in decarboxylation to form an unsymmetrical hydrazine but rather, e.g., after 9 hr at  $150^{\circ}$ , all has been converted to  $FC(O)ON(CF_3)_2$ ,  $CF_3N=CF_2$ ,  $CF_3NCO$ ,  $SiF_4$ ,

NO,  $(CF_3)_2NH$  and noncondensable gases,  $N_2$  and CO. No attack was observed by photolysis through a Vycor filter while irradiation through quartz produced approximately the same products as thermal decomposition although at a faster rate.

Molecular ions are not observed in the mass spectra for any of the  $NF_2C(O)X$  compounds and fragments arising from hydrolysis products are present in all spectra. For compounds in which the  $CF_3$  moiety occurs, the  $CF_3^+$  ion is the base peak whereas in  $NF_2C(O)CN$ , and  $NF_2C(O)NCS$ ,  $M-NF_2^+$  is the base peak.

Although perfluorourea,  $(NF_2)_2CO$  does result from the pyrolysis at  $95^\circ$  of  $KOCN_2F_5$ , this method is involved, hazardous and the yield is low.<sup>2</sup> We find that while both  $Ag_2O$  and yellow  $HgO$  will convert  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  to  $(NF_2)_2CO$ , probably through an anhydride intermediate which rapidly decarboxylates, the product is formed at lower temperature and nearly quantitatively with  $HgO$ .



Difluoroaminocarbonyl chloride with an excess of  $Ag_2O$  gives  $(NF_2)_2CO$  in yields exceeding 80% when the reaction is carried out at  $0^\circ$  for 20 hr whereas  $(NF_2)_2CO$  is produced essentially quantitatively at  $-78^\circ$  after 2-3 hr with yellow  $HgO$ . The amount of  $NF_2C(O)F$  formed at the expense of the  $(NF_2)_2CO$  may be reduced by limiting the contact time of  $(NF_2)_2CO$  with the solid. Tetrafluorourea is extremely water sensitive, even more so than  $NF_2C(O)Cl$  or  $NF_2C(O)F$ , and can be handled successfully only under "bone-dry" conditions. The reactivity of  $HgO$  is greatly reduced after one reaction and for greatest efficiency should be fresh for each reaction.

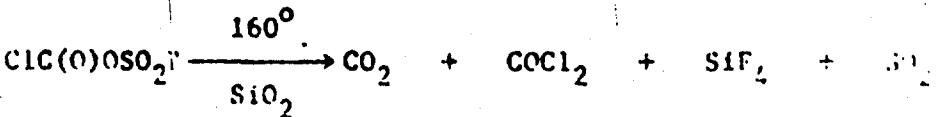
Perfluorourea appears to be thermally stable in Pyrex to  $80^\circ$  where self-

fluorination begins to produce  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$  and noncondensable products ( $\text{N}_2$  by mass spectrum). At  $140^\circ$ , the rate of thermal decomposition becomes appreciable, and the first trace of  $\text{SiF}_4$  appears. The quantity of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$  diminishes at  $160^\circ$ , until finally at  $180^\circ$  the condensable pyrolysis products consist of  $\text{SiF}_4$ ,  $\text{COF}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$ . When equimolar amounts of  $(\text{NF}_2)_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{FNO}$  are combined in a 95 ml Monel bomb at  $25^\circ$  and at  $-78^\circ$ , the products are  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$ ,  $\text{COF}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}$  and some  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)F}$  with no evidence for a nitrite as is observed for the analogous reaction between  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{FNO}$ .<sup>18</sup>

Chloro:carbonyl fluorosulfate can be prepared in fair yields by photolysis or thermolysis of a mixture of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  and  $(\text{COCl})_2$  which suggests combination of  $\text{FSO}_2\text{O}^\cdot$  and  $\text{C(O)Cl}$  radicals. It undergoes slow hydrolysis



$\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$  is stable in Pyrex glass up to  $100^\circ$  where it slowly commences to give traces of  $\text{CCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  and noncondensable gas. At  $160^\circ$ , thermal decomposition is complete



Although not the best preparative methods, the more interesting chemically are the reactions of  $\text{NF}_2\text{C(O)Cl}$  with  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  and with  $\text{BrOSO}_2\text{F}$  where, in each case, the production of  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$  is not the one predicted based on the previous chemistry of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6\text{F}_2$  or  $\text{BrOSO}_2\text{F}$  where chlorine would invariably be attacked or, as above with  $\text{Hg(ON(CF}_3)_2$ , at warmer temperatures, both the C-N and C-Cl bonds would be severed.

The unexpected reaction behavior of  $\text{ClC(O)OSO}_2\text{F}$  in which the C-O bond is

apparently the weakest may arise from the extreme stability of the fluorosulfate radical, but whatever the cause, this fact precludes its use as a synthetic reagent under the conditions tried here.

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